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There is not much to a peanut, to look at it. It grows on a farm and is ready to eat after it has been roasted. A careless deduction would link up the farmer, the commission merchant, then the grocer or Michelangelo. That would be a mighty careless deduction, though. The first time a lot of unroasted peanuts are encountered rub one on a piece of dark cloth and observe the white mark it leaves. That is talcum powder. They powder peanuts to make them look pretty, which is just why sister powders her face, and in that particular peanuts and girls are both alike.

Any farmer can grow peanuts, but no farmer can sell them to the consumer. The peanut he grows is not fit to put on a stand, at least not until it has been touched up. Look at the peanuts on the next push cart and see how even they run as to size. They have all been sorted. Observe how clean they are and how white this lot is, how gray that lot is and how uniform all the different lots are. They have been sorted.

When the peanut is grown it is gathered and carried to a miller, who puts it in a great bin and later carries it over to his mill, where he has a contrivance just chock full of brushes. These brushes get almost every fleck of sand and dirt out of the peanuts, which is more than the farmer could have done if he had spent the summer trying. Then the brushed peanuts go on to another sort of mill, and by being tossed about they get their hulls polished, and while that is being done they are peppered with talcum powder, so that by the time they come out of this machine they are as white as they are to appear in public.

But the peanut is not ready for market yet. It is alongside a lot of larger or smaller ones, hurrying the appearance of the larger ones, while it does not enhance the value of the smaller ones. To even up matters the output of the talcum powder polishing machine is run out on to a great canvas belt, which travels for fifty feet or more slowly. On either side of this belt are boys and girls. These sort the peanuts as they pass; this squad picking out the biggest, that squad taking the next largest, and so on down till the smallest are left. Shells that have dodged the powder rag are thrown back into the mill, and broken hulls are thrown away.

That is about all for the peanut now, excepting the roasting. It has to be roasted. There is a popular superstition that the Italian vender roasts the peanuts in his little push cart. All he does is keep them hot. They are roasted at the mill, tons at a time, cooked to a nicety by experienced men, who have thermometers and all sorts of appliances to show them when a peanut is "done." This roasted product is the one that the Italian buys, and when he gets it he pops it into his little fake roaster and warms it over. It takes a long time and a lot of work and hosts of boys and girls to get the nickel's worth of hot roasted peanuts in the red and blue striped bag, but there is a reason for it all, and the reason is that a sack of even run small sized peanuts will find a buyer quick-

er than a sack of big and little ones all mixed up together. The stomach likes the eye to make a good report and the peanut commission merchant understands that a shining shell, with indentations filled with talcum, pleases the eyes, and he has no compunctions about the powder box, because he has found out that in roasting the heat drives off the surplus talcum, so that is why if one wants to find out for true about this trick of the trade it will be necessary to get hold of an unroasted and not a roasted peanut.

By way of good measure it might be added that the shelled peanuts, generally sold salted, have been run through a thrashing machine, which breaks the hull and blows it out of the way. Only "Spanish shell" nuts can be so treated. The tougher hulls have to go to Signor Italiano.—Kansas City Journal.

The Long Lived Pear.
The pear is really more hardy than the apple and needs less cossetting. There are trees still standing near Monroe, in the state of Michigan, which were planted by the French settlers before Penn founded Philadelphia. Pear trees can be kept in good bearing condition for 300 years and apples for at least 150 years. I have an apple tree 115 years old and its annual fruitage is as perfect as it was sixty years ago.—E. P. Powell in Outing Magazine.

The Comparison.
Towne—Yes, my wife is able to dress on comparatively little money. Browne—Oh, come now! Comparatively little? Towne—I mean a little compared with what she thinks she ought to have.—Exchange.

On a Big Liner.
"Let's go forward to the main deck."
"All right. Steward, call us a taxi cab."—Washington Herald.

Nothing is farther from earth than heaven; nothing is nearer than heaven to earth.—Hare.

ROBERT FULTON AS A LAD.

Incidents Illustrating the Young Man's Interest in Mechanics.

There are several anecdotes which relate to Robert Fulton's early interest in mechanics—the first steps of progress toward his later skill. In 1773, when he was eight years old, his mother, having previously taught him to read and write, sent him to a school kept by Mr. Caleb Johnson, a Quaker gentleman of pronounced Tory principles—so pronounced, in fact, that he narrowly escaped with his life during the Revolution. But Robert Fulton did not care for books, and he began at a very early age to search for problems never mastered and bound in print. This greatly distressed the Quaker teacher, who spared not the rod, and it is said that in administering such discipline on the hand of Robert Fulton he one day testily exclaimed, "There, that will make you do something!" to which Robert, with folded arms, replied, "Sir, I came to have something beaten into my brains and not into my knuckles." Without doubt he was a trial to his teacher.

He entered school one day very late, and when the master inquired the reason Robert, with frank interest, replied that he had been at Nicholas Miller's shop pounding out lead for a pencil. "It is the very best I ever had, sir," he affirmed as he displayed his product. The master, after an examination of the pencil, pronounced it excellent. When Robert's mother, who had been distressed by his lack of application to his studies, expressed to his teacher her pleasure at signs of improvement the latter confided to her that Robert had said to him, "My head is so full of original notions that there is no vacant chamber to stow away the contents of dusty books."

These incidents to the contrary, it is nevertheless true that Robert Fulton did absorb a good knowledge of the rudiments of education.—Century Magazine.

THE TRAPPED THIEF.

A Midnight Adventure With South American Desperadoes.

In describing certain experiences among the outlaws and desperadoes of South America an English traveler tells the following grisly story: "One night a farmer was roused from sleep by hearing unusual and stealthy noises about the place. He got quietly out of bed and, after listening attentively, discovered that some people outside were cutting a hole through the door close to the bolt by which it was held.

"It did not require any great amount of detective talent to guess the object of the operation, and the best way to foil it was suggested by a throng of rawhide with a loop on it which hung from a hook on the inside of the door. Noiselessly removing the throng, he slipped the end of it through the loop, and there he stood armed with an impromptu lasso, ready for action. "It was an anxious time while the

farmer stood watching the hole in the door grow larger and larger until at last it was of sufficient size to effect the purpose for which it was made.

"The supreme moment arrived, and a hand was stealthily inserted not only through the hole, but also through the loop of the little lasso which hung skillfully around it. With a sudden jerk the loop was tightened around the wrist and the hand dragged in as far as the aperture would allow, while the throng was securely fastened to the hook on the back of the door.

"The robber was perfectly helpless. His companions came to his aid and, having ineffectually dragged at the imprisoned arm till they were tired, gave up the struggle and prepared to depart. "But they were prudent men, and it occurred to them to save himself their companion might betray them. Dead men, they thought, tell no tales, so they killed him."—New York Mail.

A Maharajah's Revenge.

A maharajah of Nepal committed suicide in horror at the disfigurement which an attack of smallpox had caused in her features. The maharajah, who was passionately attached to her, first wreaked his vengeance on the physicians who had attended her in her illness. Then he flew at higher game. Out of the great temple he brought the idols, placed loaded cannon before them and bade gunners fire in terror at the proposed blasphemy. They refused. Thereupon the maharajah hanged several of them. The survivors then submitted, and the guns were fired and the idols blown to pieces.—Lepic Missionsblatt.

The Coveted Hand.
The young man had gone to the helress' father—always a ticklish job—but he took his courage with an iron grip. "Sir," he blurted out, "I want to ask you for your daughter's hand."
The old man, not in the least disconcerted, said:
"Which hand? The one she signs checks with, I suppose?"

Hit Him Hard.
"I presume," said the lodger icily at the conclusion of the little dispute with his landlady—"I presume that you will allow me to take my belongings away with me?"
"I am sorry," was the icy reply, "but your other collar has not yet come home from the laundry."—Kansas City Independent.

WALL STREET "TIPS."

Best Place to Plant Them if They Come Your Way.

A seasoned Wall street campaigner condenses a life of practical observation in the remark: "Stock market 'tips' are, as a rule, founded on nothing better than guesswork or pure invention. Although usually without value, openly peddled out to the public and not possible to trace to any reliable source, they come clothed in such a garb of mystery and apparent importance that there are always a lot of ill informed persons who will accept them and act on them as on gospel truth.

"Often these so called 'tips' are but the whispered suggestions of some manipulator who was confident that his mysterious, semiconfidential hint would travel and be made the basis of large buying of some stock he was especially anxious should be largely sold.

"It is told of one great speculative magnate of the past generation that when he was approached by the pastor of a rich and fashionable Fifth avenue church in search of means by which he could become suddenly rich he put his lips close to the clerical ear and whispered: 'Buy Pacific Mail. It's a sure thing. If you lose on it I'll make good your losses.'

"The pastor departed gleefully. Some two weeks later he called at the office of the manipulator and deplored the great financial losses he had incurred in following the confidential 'tip.' 'How much were they?' asked Mr. G., and on being told he drew his personal check for the amount.

"The minister took it and after expressing his thanks hesitated a moment and then said: 'But how about my parishioners? You placed no ban of secrecy on me, and their losses have been enormous.'

"The financier smiled grimly as he remarked, 'You see, doctor, those were the fellows I was after.'

"This story may be true or may not, but it points a moral. If you get a 'tip' on Wall street bury it in the back yard and forget it."—Cleveland Leader.

A Double Headed Bull.

On the occasion of a public reception at Napier, Australia, the school children of the town, after being duly complimented by his excellency from County Tyrone on the hearty manner in which they had rendered the national anthem, were solemnly assured that if they put their shoulders to the wheel they would be sure to reach the top of the tree, upon which a compatriot turned to me and said, "Sure, it was an axletree he meant, bedad!"—London Spectator.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington D. C., Oct. 1 1908.—The city of Washington is rehabilitated as far as the White House and the departments are concerned. The President has been in the city a full week and has resumed his accustomed routine—more than his accustomed routine, in fact, for he has, as the whole country knows, been doing considerable work in the way of writing campaign letters. He is at his desk early, dictating and signing papers and in the afternoon takes his usual horseback ride to Rock Creek Park. The weather has been of a perfect autumnal kind with only one rainy day which, according to the President, was a "bully fine" weather for riding and did not prevent his horseback exercise, although he returned dripping wet. With the return of Secretary Root yesterday, the Cabinet is complete, though there have, as yet, been no cabinet meetings.

The department clerks who have all through the summer been getting a half holiday on Saturday, have now half holiday until next Summer. There is, of course, much interest in Washington with reference to the result of the election, though this interest is small as compared with thirty years ago, when the possibility of a political change in administration at the White House was a subject of intense anxiety to fifteen thousand Government clerks or including their families, to four or five times that number. If Tilden had gotten into the White House instead of Hayes, it is not improbable that ten or twelve thousand Republican clerks would have been dismissed and that they would have been replaced by democrats. Their displacement would not have been altogether outrageous, for at that time the Government clerks were appointed without regard to fitness, from pure favoritism and in most instances were the underserving relatives or proteges of members of congress, senators, cabinet officers and people influential at court. In these later and better days all this has been changed. Clerks are appointed now only after having passed a careful civil service examination and the type and character of the employees of the Government is greatly improved. Whether it will be Mr. Taft or Mr. Bryan, the Government clerks are at least assured that they will keep their places. Politics do not disturb them and the majority of them instead of camping in Washington, as it were, at cheap boarding houses, have bought homes of their own—many of them in the suburbs of the city—and this changed condition of the Government clerk has had a marked effect on real estate and the improvement of the city.

At this writing there appears to be little doubt that Judge Taft will be elected. It is true that both parties are claiming the presidency as an assured thing, but there is a third party—a disinterested party, as it were—whose angle of view is more reliable than of those who supply the shouting and the fire works. The gamblers are betting two to one in favor of Taft and there is more sincerity in their business than in the enthusiasm of the shouters.

The capital, during these pre-election days, holds its own as a convention centre. The Tuberculosis Convention now in session here is reported in the papers all over the world and is just now discussing the question as to the probable effect on the human system of the milk of cows having tuberculosis. Dr. Koch, the discoverer of the bacillus tuberculosis, holding that the disease is non-communicable from cows; and other physicians, but little less distinguished, holding the opposite view.

One of the most interesting exhibits at the International Tuberculosis Congress is that prepared by

Dr. E. C. Schroeder, superintendent of the experiment station at Bethesda, Md., and is designed to show the harmfulness of butter infected with tuberculosis germs. The organs of guinea pigs are exhibited, that had been fed butter thirty days old, 100 days old, 113 days old, 133 days old, and 160 days old, in each of which the germs remained virulent enough to produce death, although the butter contained salt.

Much interest attaches to a course of lectures that will begin October 1st in the Bureau of Chemistry concerning the production and utilization of denatured alcohol. It will be remembered that about two years ago, through the activity of Congressman Tom Marshall of North Dakota and Congressman Hill of Connecticut, a bill was passed authorizing the making of denatured alcohol by farmers and others. It was a bill of the greatest economical and industrial importance, for as soon as the art can be widely understood, the alcohol can be made and sold at a price which will be as cheap as gasoline or benzine, ten cents a gallon, and it will enable every farmer to make on his own premises a product that will be of almost limitless use. The discussion at the Bureau of Chemistry will be led by Mr. Wylie, the chief of the bureau, assisted by a number of distinguished specialists. Papers will be read on every matter connected with the practical operation of a distillery. The lectures are expected to continue about six weeks.

ZEPPELIN'S GRIT.

Count Zeppelin, whose airship was recently destroyed, is one of the most remarkable men in Germany. His long life—he is over 70 years old—has been crowded with adventures, and few men alive have had more experience of warfare. He was born in 1838, near Constance. He fought in the American Civil War, and had a narrow escape at the battle of Fredericksburg. In that campaign the possibilities of warfare in the air first struck him, and he made an ascent in a captive balloon belonging to the Confederate army. After this war he returned home in time for the Franco-German war, and is said to have been the first German soldier who crossed the frontier into France. Once during this campaign he was dismounted by a French lancer, but he cut down the man, remounted his horse and rode away. After the campaign he determined to give all his attention to aeronautics. He thoroughly studied mechanics, electrical science and sailmaking. Year after year he continued his experiments with flying machines, and in short time he had spent \$150,000. His friends regarded him as a madman, but he ignored their criticisms and their sneers, the only encouragement he received being the devotion of his wife, the one person who believed his experiments would ever have a practical result. The outcome of all his research was that he had spent his entire fortune and achieved nothing. About ten years ago he determined to abandon his attempts to construct a flying machine and turn his attention to airships. He tested his first airship in 1900, but it was a complete failure, and the vessel was broken up. He was by this time in such financial straits that he had to live in a small cottage in South Germany on an allowance made to him by wealthy friends. The Berlin weekly, Die Woche, describes Count Zeppelin as a man of unaffected geniality. "Old as he is," it says, "he stands tall and upright. He has an agile body capable of unusual exertion, a constitution sturdy by much exercise and an immense power of mental concentration. His workmen are devoted to him heart and soul."

It isn't an electric storm that shocks the telephone girl so much as the conversation she overhears.—Record.

THE INDEPENDENT

TERMS—\$1.00 PER YEAR.
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Thursday, Oct. 8, '08.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D.D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. O. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible study meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon, 10.30. Sunday School, 1.45 p. m. Evening service and sermon, 3. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. C. Yost, D.D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School, 1.45 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. S. B. Garrett, pastor. Sabbath School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Song and prayer service, 7 p. m.

Parish of St. Paul's Memorial P. E. Church, Oaks, Perkiomen, Audubon. The Rev. T. P. Ege, rector. Sunday services: Union Church, Audubon, 10.45 a. m., with Holy Communion first in month. St. Paul's, Oaks, 3.30 p. m., with Holy Communion third in month 8.30 a. m. Children's Evensong last in month 3 p. m. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Vested choir. Free sittings. Cordial welcome. The rector, residing at Oaks, will be pleased to receive calls for visitation or administration. Address Oaks P. O.

United Evangelical Church, Trappe Circuit, Rev. Geo. R. Riffert, pastor. Services for the coming Sabbath will be as follows: Trappe—Preaching at 10 a. m.; Sunday School at 2 p. m. Limerick—Preaching at 2.30 p. m.; Sunday School at 1.30 p. m.; C. E., 7.30 p. m.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7.03, 7.45, 11.30 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sundays—7.11 a. m., 6.38 p. m. For Allentown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 3.07, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

Home and Abroad.

—Jack Frost

—Was in evidence the past week.

—Moonlight nights.

—Fine weather for out-door work.

—E. W. David is repainting the exterior of Mrs. J. T. Preston's residence.

—Among the large crop of big sweet potatoes raised on 'Squire Rimbey's truck patch is a tuber that weighs three pounds.

—J. H. Bolton is placing a steam heater in Geo. Geist's residence on Fifth avenue.

—Dr. Geo. E. Bartholomeu, formerly of this vicinity, has opened a dental office at 1615 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia.

—On one stalk Joseph M. Hartenstein, of Pottstown, raised 14 tomatoes, weighing 3 3/4 pounds.

—He governs best who governs least.—Latin.

—Daniel Miller, living near Congo, who was 100 years old in August, is confined to his home by illness.

—No one is fool always; everyone sometimes.—German.

—Compared with last year, there will be a small crop of apples placed in Schuylkill Valley cold storage houses this fall.

—Most men start out with good intentions, but somebody hands them transfers.—Chicago News.

—Running into a fence post, an automobile driven by Jesse Brownback, of Linfield, was wrecked, but the occupants escaped injury.

—Even after a man had become tame enough to eat out of his wife's hand she is afraid for him to drink out of her sight.—Dallas News.

—Rambo & Regar, hosiery manufacturers, have let a contract to Frank R. Heavner for 17 houses near their plant at Main and Ford streets, Norristown.

—Many Italians from Bridsboro are flocking to Philadelphia and New York to take the steamers for their homes, where they will spend the winter.

—When George W. Stout, 60 years old, a well-known painter, stepped upon a scaffold, at Reading, the ropes snapped and he fell a distance of 40 feet, resulting in instant death.

—Charging that he gilded her after she had expended \$500 in preparation for their wedding, Miss Sara Beuchler, of Norristown, has brought suit for \$5500 against Geo. A. Rogers, of Reading.

—Judges at the Allentown Fair awarded a diploma to the Keystone Cement Brick and Tile Works of Royersford on an exhibit of bricks, building blocks, tile, and other products of the plant.

—Samuel Schubert, of Zionsville, raised a turnip weighing 10 1/2 pounds, and W. H. Force, of Greenlane, raised an eight-pound radish.

Real Estate Market.

The farm of Rev. J. B. Mench in Skippack, was recently sold to M. H. Custer, of Trappe, for \$3925.

A Broken Arm.

Alphamus Barndt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barndt of this borough, had the misfortune on Thursday of last week to sustain a fracture of his left arm near the wrist, while playing football. Dr. M. Y. Weber reduced the fracture.

Big Bass Caught Near Old Bridges.

Last Friday J. C. Benney of Eagleville, caught the biggest bass of all the bass captured this season. The catch was made in the Perkiomen, about 300 yards above the Bridge. The fish measured 22 inches and weighed 5 1/4 pounds.

Remains of Fire Victim Interred at Trappe.

The remains of Henry Culp, the aged watchman who was burned to death at the Penn Tack Works fire, Norristown, were buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Trappe on Friday.

Despondency and Suicide.

Despondent on account of heavy business losses Howard Shannon, a milk dealer of Norristown, committed suicide Saturday morning by firing a bullet into his left side, near the abdomen. He was 38 years old and is survived by a widow.

Dr. Holstein Dead.

Dr. George W. Holstein, one of the most widely known physicians in this county, died at his home in Bridgeport last Friday, at the age of 88 years. The venerable father was stricken with heart failure and died in the arms of his son Charles E. Holstein.

Squirrels Reported Scarce.

The squirrel hunting season opened last Thursday and in many sections gunners scoured tracts of woodland in quest of the spry game. Sportsmen report squirrels to be rather scarce this season, though S. P. Spare, the squirrel hunter of Ironbridge managed to bag four of the little animals.

Meeting of Town Council.

A regular meeting of the Town Council of this borough was held on Friday evening. Considerable business of a routine character was disposed of. In the matter of annexing Warren Grater's property, Trappe, to Collegeville borough, the Clerk was authorized to communicate with Borough Engineer Dager and ask him to proceed with a survey in accordance with instructions from Solicitor W. F. Dannehower.

Criminal Court.

Judges Swartz and Weand opened criminal court at Norristown on Monday. Court room No. 3 was opened on Tuesday. Judge Weand refused a new trial to Eugene Stanley, of Bridgeport, who, at the June term was convicted of illegal voting at the February primaries in the First ward of Bridgeport. Norman C. Pfeiffer plead guilty to the charge of attempting to defraud the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by faking injury in a Chestnut Hill wreck.

Phoenixville Scrapple.

The scrapple season has evidently opened in Phoenixville. Editor Roberts of the Messenger writes: "Let us fall down upon our marrow bones and give thanks, oh ye lovers of delicacies for a new one provided for the elect of this town. Its composition is largely corn meal with just enough glutinous matter to make it adhesive, a pinch of condiment to tickle the taste, and a faint suspicion of meat. This combination labeled 'scrapple' is sold for eight cents per pound. And yet they say and insist that a being of inflexible justice reigns supreme over all!"

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done more for me than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c. at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store.

W. C. T. U.

The Collegeville W. C. T. U. will hold its first meeting of the season on Tuesday afternoon, October 13, at the home of Mrs. John Radcliff on Fifth avenue. The meeting will be called to order at 3 o'clock.

Built Brick House in Five Weeks.

All building records in Pottstown have been broken by Frank R. Davidheiser, a contractor, who, having sold his former home, erected and moved into a new brick house five weeks after he had begun digging the cellar.

Rev. Stoner and Family About to Remove to Norristown.

Rev. A. B. Stoner, of this borough, last week purchased a house at 534 East Main street, Norristown, and takes possession of the property this week. A. T. Allebach, the purchaser of the Stoner property is making preparations to extensively improve the same.

Where Apples Are Going To Waste.

Apples are going to waste in Huntingdon county on account of there being no market at any price for them. Those who have been accustomed to marketing in Pittsburgh find no demand there this year in quantities. Some farmers are saying they would gladly give the wholesome fruit if it were taken away.

Bridge Contracts.

The County Commissioners, Saturday forenoon, awarded the contracts for the erection of three bridges in the county: Toledo Mailsailon Co., of Ohio, a bridge over the Skippack creek near the land of Bean and Kramer, \$6.10 cubic yard. James Smith, Perkiomenville, bridge over Skippack creek near Bergey's mill, \$5.42 cubic yard. York Bridge Co., bridge at Malind, \$1454.

Heifer in Mill Race.

Harry Heebner, miller at Markley's Mill, in the vicinity of Pottstown, was awakened at midnight by a commotion outside the mill, and on investigation found a heifer in the penstock of the millrace. He drew the water out of the penstock, but the animal was so ferocious that she could not be coaxed out, and it had to be shot. The heifer had run away from a man who was taking her to a butcher.

A Good Word for Sparrows.

The sparrows which have been so busy about Harrisburg all summer are now proving themselves to be a real blessing, according to some naturalists. It appears that the dry weather has caused the insect pests to swarm on the trees, and the sparrows, having a considerable part of their fare cut off by reason of the dryness of the ground, turned to the maples and other trees and have been waxing fat on scale and their kin.

Will Contest Appealed to Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court will decide the contest in the will of the late Sarah Tyson, of Hatboro, which has occupied the attention of the local court for sometime. When this will was entered at the Register of Wills office, certain heirs objected to its being filed. After a hearing the Register refused the objections. The case was then bitterly fought in the court but the Register was sustained. Now the heirs have taken the case to a higher tribunal.

Back Pay for War Service.

Justice of the Peace John M. Fleming, of Kittanning, Pa., has just received a check for 40.99 from the Government in payment of the back salary due him during his service in the Union army in the civil war. Between the time he was promoted to first lieutenant until he was mustered in the general 'squire had never been paid by Uncle Sam, and happening to remember that fact recently he wrote to the officials at Washington and received the check as a result.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss, says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure. The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

\$600 Per Foot Front for Norristown Real Estate.

The latest price for property fronting on Main street in Norristown is \$600 per foot, at Main and Barbadoes street. An improved lot, located as aforesaid, with a frontage of 25 feet, was sold last week for \$15,000.

Boiler of Locomotive Exploded.

By the explosion of the boiler of Pennsylvania Railroad engine No. 2720, on the Trenton Cut-Off, east of St. Thomas, in Whitmarsh, Thursday morning, three of the train crew were badly scalded. O. K. Miller, the engineer, of Harrisburg, expired about noon at Charity Hospital, where he and his fireman, E. Parks, of Emola, and the forward brakeman, Thomas Rowland, of Norristown, were taken, all three badly cut by flying debris and scalded by steam.

Special Train for Instructors in Agriculture.

Prof. Alva Agee, of Pennsylvania State College, in an address at the eighth annual picnic of the Farmers' Union at Geiger's Mills, Berks county, announced that on November 10, 11 and 12 the Pennsylvania Railroad will run a special train for agricultural extension through parts of Chester, Montgomery and Berks counties. The train will have two coaches and will carry a staff of lecturers from the college, who will address the farmers at the different stopping points. The cars will be used as audience rooms. About one hour will be spent at each point.

Yearly Meeting of Hospital Trustees.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, Friday morning, Steward John L. West reported that the cost of maintenance for each of the nearly three thousand patients in the institution the past year was \$4.15 a week. This amount is slightly in excess of the previous year, due to the increased cost of foodstuffs and other materials, which had to be purchased. At the annual election of officers Hon. J. M. Hackett, of Easton, was chosen president; V. E. Bond, of Darby, secretary; F. L. Smith, of Norristown, treasurer; and Evans & Dettra, solicitors.

I. O. of O. F. Officers Installed.

The following recently elected officers of Economy Lodge, No. 397, I. O. of O. F., of this borough, were installed Saturday evening: N. G., Clarence G. Place; V. G., D. W. Shuler; Secretary, R. H. Grater; Treasurer, R. D. Gotwals; W. J. L. Bechtel; Conductor, J. G. Fuhrman; Chaplain, Elias L. Detwiler; R. S. S., Frank Smull; L. F. S., Jonathan Detwiler; R. S. N. G., W. H. Custer; T. S. and G., John H. Barrett; R. S. V. G., H. H. Koons; L. F. V. G., Samuel R. Reiff; O. S. G., W. H. Grater; I. S. H., P. M. Smoyer. Trustee, H. H. Koons; Representative to Grand Lodge, W. H. Custer; Rep. to Odd Fellows' Home, H. B. Tyson; Rep. to Orphans' Home, John H. Bartman.

Football.

Ursinus was defeated by the University of Pennsylvania last Wednesday, 30 to 0. The team from the local college was out weighed by Penn but put up a plucky fight. Only one touchdown was scored against Ursinus in the last half and for the last fifteen minutes they fully held their own. The varsity was not scheduled to play Saturday and was given a rest. The Ursinus scrubs were defeated by the strong Royersford High School team on Saturday on the home grounds, 5 to 0. Royersford were better than the scrubs in advancing the ball but it was not until the latter part of the second half that they finally succeeded in carrying the ball over for the score. At that time the visitors had the ball within one foot of a touchdown but were able to make the required distance only after three attempts. Next Saturday one of the best home games of the season will be played when Jefferson Medical will be the attraction. The admission fee will be fifty cents and the game will be well worth it.

A Healthy Family.

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlet, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c. at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store.

Letter From Mr. Thompson, Aboard U. S. S. Georgia.

U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET.
EDITOR INDEPENDENT:—After a nine-days run from San Francisco, with the Pacific so calm that almost the entire trip could have been made in a launch, we were heartily greeted in Honolulu. The city was especially illuminated and decorated in flags and bunting. Special entertainments in the form of banquets, dances, socials, and sports, were arranged for our enjoyment, and every effort was applied, by a committee of arrangements, to show us a good time. The trolley service was offered free to the men in uniform and special excursions to the sugar and pineapple plantations were also arranged for us. Large quantities of pineapples, coconuts, alligator pears, bananas, and sugar cane were delivered to all the ships of the fleet as a gift from the planters. No special invitations were necessary to induce the boys to get interested in the disposal of the fruits. The fruit barge was accompanied by an orchestra of native men who played and sung native songs, which were heartily applauded and responded to by selections from the ships' bands. As the fleet was preparing to leave the port the famous Royal Hawaiian Band came out, on the tug U. S. S. Iroquois, and entertained the fleet with some excellent music. We are now en route for Auckland, New Zealand. According to our present itinerary we are to arrive there on August 9, having left Honolulu on July 22 at 6 p. m. The U. S. S. Minnesota remained at Honolulu about twenty hours longer than the remainder of the fleet to receive the fleet's mail, which was brought from San Francisco on the mail steamer "Virginian." The U. S. S. Minnesota caught up and took her usual position in the fleet at 8 a. m. on July 2. At 11 a. m. on the same date we crossed the equator at about 168 degrees west longitude. Shortly after crossing the equator the fleet came to a stop and the Minnesota made a mail delivery trip among the other ships. A life boat from each ship was lowered, which went out to meet the Minnesota and receive the mail. After the life boats were rehoisted and the Minnesota again got into position the fleet proceeded and the mail was distributed while under way. The novelty of receiving mail from home and friends while we were about one thousand miles from land in all directions created considerable interest among the officers and crew. We are now eight days from Honolulu. After leaving Auckland the fleet is to visit Sydney, Melbourne and Albany, Australia; thence to the Philippines, Japan, China, and return to Manila about November 1. Farther than Manila I have not seen the official itinerary.
LAWRENCE R. THOMPSON, M. M.
U. S. S. Georgia.
July 30, 1908.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Knerr, widow of the late Henry Knerr, died on Wednesday of last week at her home near the Welden House, aged 68 years. One son, at home, survives. Funeral Saturday. Interment at Lutheran cemetery, Schwenksville; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Robert MacDonald died of lockjaw Monday morning at the home of his grandfather John Clark, near Gratersford, aged nine years. Blood poisoning and lockjaw followed a slight injury to one of the little boy's hands. Funeral on Wednesday of this week at 12.30. Interment at the Evangelical cemetery, Trappe; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Elizabeth, wife of Samuel W. Heyser, died Saturday morning at her residence at Trappe, aged 77 years. The husband and four children survive: Albert Heyser, Mrs. Jos. Hallman, Mrs. James Undercuffler, and Mrs. Harry S. Kulp. The funeral was held on Wednesday of this week. All services, and interment at the Lower Providence Presbyterian church and cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Hannah M., wife of Solomon A. Henry, died of typhoid fever on Sunday at her residence in Upper Providence, near Oaks, aged 48 years. Deceased leaves the husband, seven stepchildren, and three children by her first husband. The funeral will be held this Thursday. All service, and interment, at the Green Tree church and cemetery at 10.30; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. George Deppin, of Sunbury, are visiting relatives in this borough.

Miss Debora Koons has returned home after an extended visit to relatives in Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Scheuren spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Professor and Mrs. C. G. Haines have taken possession of the house on Main street recently occupied by W. F. Pabre.

Miss Caroline Paist and Miss Mabel Hobson, who are teaching in the Cape May High School, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in this place.

Mr. Burns and family have removed from Roxborough to this place. They are occupying the house recently vacated by Dr. Henry Bower.

James Paist, of Hummelstown, Pa., was a welcome visitor to many old neighbors and friends in this borough, Sunday. For many years before he moved to Hummelstown Mr. Paist was a resident of this place and took an active part in the affairs of the borough.

Harvey Johnson of Philadelphia, and his brother Frank Johnson, of Salt Lake City, Utah, renewed acquaintances in this place Saturday afternoon. Since leaving here Frank Johnson has spent several years in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Sarah Longstreth attended the annual Pennsylvania State W. C. T. U. convention at Sharon from September 29 to October 6.

From Gratersford.

Sad indeed was the death of Robert MacDonald, on Monday. The little boy sustained a slight injury to his hand. Blood poisoning followed and then came fatal lockjaw. He was ill only a few days.

Miss Katharine Cole is spending the week in Philadelphia.

The brick work on the new dwelling of Elias T. Grater will be finished this week. O. S. Schwenk is doing the work.

Joseph Fly is working for Dr. McMillan.

Isaac Kulp has the prize pumpkin of this vicinity, and Nieh Long is the champion squirrel shot.

The improvements to the "white house" are completed and now Mr. Yellis has one of the finest looking places in town.

The fire insurance covering the loss by fire at Kulp and Moyer's store has been adjusted, and the damage done the building will be repaired at once.

Mrs. George Rosenberger and son George are spending Founders' Week in Philadelphia, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunlap.

John Kline has purchased a piano of George Dunn.

The real estate—brick house and lot—belonging to the Jacob Fuss estate was sold at public sale on Saturday to Clifford Ewing, of Philadelphia, for \$3400; the best price for real estate in this vicinity for years.

Butcher J. R. Christman has sold his business to Henry Fly, of Silverdale, who will take possession in two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kline spent Sunday and Monday in Philadelphia and viewed the great military parade.

Jacob Fry and family, of Norristown, were the guests of Mrs. Fuss, Saturday and Sunday.

A combination sale will be held at Perkiomen Terrace on Saturday, October 17. See adver. in another column.

At a public sale on Tuesday of the real estate of Abram Kratz, deceased, two properties were sold to Josiah Fisher—one one on Main street for \$1900 and the other for \$1075. The latter property was subsequently sold privately by Mr. Fisher to John Kline.

Miss Rogers and the pupils of the primary school attended in a body the funeral of Robert MacDonald on Wednesday.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

Walding, Kiman & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.
Sold by druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

Items From Trappe.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Hench, of Frederick City, Md., are the guests of Mrs. J. K. Beaver.

Geo. C., the fast pacing horse, was bid to \$380 and withdrawn at D. W. Favinger's sale on Monday.

Ralph L. Wismer, student-at-law is serving as Deputy Clerk of Courts at Norristown, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stetler, of Roxborough, visited Mrs. Anna Fry on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Bieber, Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board, will deliver an address in the Lutheran church this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Geo. W. Seanor will hold his next public sale of live stock on Monday, October 26. See adver. next week.

Mrs. John Kepler, of East Greenville, was the guest of 'Esquire and Mrs. F. W. Shalkop and M. H. Keeler and family, Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kepler, of Philadelphia, were the guests of M. H. Keeler, Sunday.

A regular meeting of Town Council was held Monday evening. The matter of improving Main street was considered. The street will be substantially repaired. The ordinance ordaining State street was passed finally, and has since been approved by Burgess Royer. It will be found on page 2.

Jottings From Limerick.

Mrs. Jos. Rosenberger and daughter spent several days with her parents at Faglesville.

Mrs. Montgomery Hartenstine recently visited at Foxhill.

Wm. Linderman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Reinfort, of Royersford, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hannah Linderman.

Miss Mabel Hoffman, Mrs. Wm. Esbach and Mrs. Harry Mauger, of Gilbertsville, Mrs. Henry Zern and Mr. Brem, of Pottstown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Renninger, the past week.

Mrs. Harry Sterner, of Collegeville, spent several days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Miller.

Mrs. Mary T. Miller, of Neifer and Mrs. Ida Sullivan, of Lehigh-ton, were the guests of T. D. Kline and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurey Butcher, of New Jersey, visited here last Thursday.

Miss Emma Por spent Wednesday of last week with Miss Julia Yost, of Collegeville.

Services in St. James' Lutheran church at 7.30 next Sunday evening; Rev. N. F. Schmidt, pastor.

A party of merry strawriders tendered Mrs. Shambough, Saturday evening, a genuine surprise. A very enjoyable evening was spent in singing dancing and feasting. Enoch Bucher operated his graphophone to the delight of all. Among those present were: Reese Quay, of Lionville, Chester county, Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Misses Mamie and Eunice Patterson and Lizzie Stetler, Mr. and Mrs. Glisson, John Saylor, John Shirley, Albert Patterson, Calvin Wright, Frank Knerr, and Jesse Stetler, of Arcola; Walter Patterson, of Phoenixville; Charles Peterman, Ernest Fulmer, and Roy Hetrick, of Limerick.

FROM OAKS.

Wm. Holms, who married the late Samuel Griffin's daughter, has moved his family from Norristown to Geisburg.

Our thanks to my comrade Weikel who presented us with a fine pumpkin, the kind you make pumpkin pies of.

My old respected friend John McBride most generally is on time, but it will be a little late this year to see whether it will be Bryan or Taft. John believes it will be Taft. Have to compromise on a squash. If we must sail up Salt River we expect to occupy John McBride's bungalow, which is well stocked with pumpkin pies, no doubt. Comrade Weikel and us have the first bid for John's bungalow. There will be lots of fresh water fish, but we propose to take a dried herring and a box of sardines with us.

We enjoyed a bit of snappy weather Friday of last week and Jack Frost asserted his right to supremacy touching the plants and vegetation with a ruthless hand. The leaves of the trees in the woodland change color, but that is a natural assurance without the aid of

frost. The frost damaged crops in the lower lands where there was much moisture, but on the higher grounds the damage was slight.

The corn has been cut and is ready for the husker. It is said the corn crop will not be as large as was expected to be, but there will be corn a plenty to go round.

The fire hall is well under way and it is understood will be completed by October 20, when Congressman Wanger will be here and make a speech and stir the political pot boiling. By the way, he is a fireman himself, and he will be right in it with the boys, who will not only welcome him but vote for him.

The fire company have received an invitation to take part in the parade to be given by the fire department of Norristown on Thanksgiving Day, but whether it would be the proper thing to go in a body, without an engine, which is yet to get, or send a delegation only. Be represented at least. To not take cognizance of the invitation would not be the fair thing. It takes time for all things, and money the great leverage, is the one drawback. However, when the hall is completed, there will be money, and you'll stand and deliver and not know it, at fairs, festivals, etc. The company was handicapped because of the need of a hall or a place to hold festivals, but now they'll be in position to keep the ball moving. The fire hall is quite an improvement to the place, and is located in a good place.

Milton I. Davis and Frank Eavenson attended the Trenton Fair on Thursday of last week.

After the fire company is established permanently and is a fixed fact, it is proposed to have the streets lighted up with oil, electric lights, acetylene and fire-fly lights for those who are afraid to go home in the dark. There will be a saving in burning material moonlight nights. There is a lamp at I. R. Weikel's residence, at Dr. Brown's, and a lamp or two west of Brower avenue on Main street, which will help out. It would be quite an improvement, and would help to see the sign directing pilgrims to church, and those needing blacksmithing done to the blacksmith shop. We hope the parties agitating this improvement will not have to go up Salt River after November 3. However, if Coxey's army, the Owl gang and the Man-of-your-word club throw their influence towards it, it will be a two-strike sure.

Thomas Bevan is superintendent of the cemetery at Saint Paul's Memorial church, and those who wish to purchase burial lots, or interments, can call on him at Oaks, avoiding all unnecessary delay. The cemetery is to be enlarged.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Port Providence will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Fitzwater, Wednesday afternoon, October 14, 1908. The exercises will be devotional, with echoes from county convention. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these meetings.

Next Sunday, October 11, the Rev. John E. Ewell is expected to preach in Saint Paul's Memorial church. Services at 3.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Solomon Henry died Sunday morning, and it is reported Morris Henry is not so well, having a relapse. Mr. Henry has had his full share of sickness, and now to add to his affliction his wife has been taken from him. Truly the sympathy of the community goes to him in this his bereavement.

Mrs. George Smith is very much indisposed.

Miss White, of Norristown, is visiting Miss Edna Gotwalts.

Rev. Mr. McKee, pastor of Green Tree church, preached on Sunday morning here and at Port Providence in the evening.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

Thursday, October 1.

The strike of Canadian Pacific railroad mechanics, involving about 20,000 men, which started Aug. 4, has been declared off.

Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, left London for Liverpool, where he will embark on the steamer Caronia for New York.

Fearing to face the disgrace which he felt would follow his arrest on a charge of abusing his wife, Leonard J. Schmitt, a piano maker, killed himself in New York by inhaling illuminating gas.

Fire destroyed property valued at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in the heart of the business district of Dallas, Tex., and resulted in serious injury to several firemen, who were caught beneath falling floors.

Friday, October 2.

Owen Moran, English featherweight, won the decision over Eddie Hanlon, a lightweight, at San Francisco, after twenty rounds of fighting.

By the explosion of the boiler of a freight engine on the Trenton cut-off at Fort Hill, near Norristown, Pa., three members of the crew were badly injured.

Thieves ransacked the apartment in Washington of Major C. L. McCawley, one of the president's aides, stealing jewelry and bric-a-brac valued at \$1500.

Three laborers were killed and seven injured in a collision between a work train and a freight train on the Central New England railroad at Clinton

Corners, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Saturday, October 3.

Montreal was selected as the convention city of the League of American Municipalities for 1909.

Dr. George W. Holstein, aged eighty-eight years, the oldest Odd Fellow in Pennsylvania, died at Norristown.

John O'Brien, a longshoreman and iron worker, was held up in the yard of the Pennsylvania railroad at Wilmington, Del., by five men and badly beaten.

Masked men held up a Steubenville-East Liverpool Interurban car as the car was entering Wellsville, O., and at the point of revolvers took \$21 from the conductor.

Monday, October 5.

Gus Jones, a negro, cut the throats of his wife, his son and himself at Gallipolis, O., and all will die.

Oliver Loders, of Bethlehem, Pa., went to Bingen to gather chestnuts and was killed by a fall from a tree, his neck being broken.

Charles Lee, a negro, of Houston, Tex., has invented a method of exterminating the boll weevil in cotton fields by means of chemical fumes.

Lewis Korzon was imprisoned at Sunbury, Pa., charged with breaking the neck of Alex. Chikillo, in Mount Carmel, by hurling him over a high porch.

Tuesday, October 6.

F. J. Geissinger, of J. K. Taylor Post, No. 182, Bethlehem, Pa., dropped dead in Philadelphia while waiting to view a parade.

Mary Devine, two years old, was burned to death on a lot near her home in Philadelphia, when her clothing caught ablaze from a rubbish fire.

Ten persons were killed and more than a dozen injured in an incendiary fire which wrecked the tenement house at 71½ Mulberry street, New York.

Thomas Morrison, prominent in railroad and business circles, dropped dead in the office of the Spring Grove Cemetery association at Cincinnati, O., just as a meeting of the cemetery trustees was about to be called to order.

Wednesday, October 7.

General Louis Fitzgerald, for more than half a century a prominent figure in New York, died at his home, Garrison-on-the-Hudson, aged seventy-one years.

Andrew Zydzus, a retired hotel-keeper at Jessup, near Scranton, Pa., shot and killed his wife and, turning the revolver on himself, committed suicide.

Charged with criminal assault on his own daughter, Ben Price, a negro, was seized by a mob at Glenora, Tex., taken to the center of the town and hanged to a tree.

As the result of a collision between a yard engine and a special freight train on the Grand Trunk railway near Brantford, Ont., three persons were killed and two injured.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—FLOUR quiet; winter extras, new, \$3.60@3.75; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.85@4.10; city mills, fancy, \$5.85@6.00; RYE FLOUR steady; per bbl. \$4.15@4.25. WHEAT steady; No. 2 red, western, \$1.00½@1.01; CORN quiet; No. 2 yellow, local, 86½¢@87¢; OATS steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 54½¢@55¢; lower grades, 53¢. HAY steady; timothy, live steady; hays, 13½¢; old roosters, 9½¢; dressed firm; choice fowls, 14½¢; old roosters, 10¢. BUTTER firm; extra creamery, 30¢. EGGS firm; western, 25¢. POTATOES steady, at 75¢@80¢ per bushel. Sweet Potatoes, Eastern Shore, Va., per bbl. \$1.25. BALTIMORE—WHEAT firm; No. 2 spot, \$1.03½@1.04; steamer No. 2 spot, 99½¢@99¾¢; southern, 98½¢@1.01½. OATS steady; white, No. 2, 53¢; No. 3, 52½¢@52¾¢; No. 4, 50½¢@51¢; mixed, No. 2, 51¢@51½¢; No. 3, 50½¢@50¾¢. BUTTER firm; creamery separator extra, 28½¢@29¢; held, 19¢@20¢; printy, 29¢@30¢; Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 16¢. EGGS firm; fancy Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, 23¢; southern, 22¢ per dozen.

Live Stock Markets. PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE higher; choice, \$6@6.25; prime, \$5.55@5.90. SHEEP higher; prime wethers, \$4.25@4.40; culls and common, \$1.50@2. LAMBS, \$4@4.75. HOGS slow; prime heavies, \$7.15@7.30; mediums, \$6.50@7.05; heavy Yorkers, \$6.75@6.90; pigs, \$5@5.60; roughs, \$5@5.25.

FOUND.

A hunting case silver watch, with initials. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this advertiser. E. KLAUSFELDER, Collegeville Mills, Collegeville, Pa. 10-8.

WANTED.

A lot of cordwood. Apply at KUHN'S BAKERY, Collegeville, Pa. 10-8.

WANTED.

Girl to do general housework; good wages. Apply to MRS. JOHN H. REX, 1211 West Main St., Norristown, Pa. 10-8.

WANTED.

Collector of delinquent county and state taxes in the borough of Trappe. Apply at the Commissioners' Office, Norristown, prior to October 14, 1908. 10-8. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

WILL EXCHANGE.

New house and some building lots in town for unincumbered village property or a farm. A. J. COLE, Phoenixville, Pa. 7-9-tf.

CLAMER'S CIDER MILL

Is Now In Operation.

Bring your apples and try the most modern press for quantity and quality of work. In operation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

F. J. CLAMER, Collegeville Grist Mills. 9-27.

FOR RENT.

A dwelling house at Spring Valley, Trappe. Apply to H. H. ALLEBACH, 26 W. Oak St. Norristown, Pa.

FOR RENT.

A seven-room cottage on Ninth ave., Collegeville. \$8 per month. Apply to F. J. CLAMER, Collegeville, Pa.

FOR RENT.

A four-room cottage, Main Street and Fourth Avenue, Collegeville; \$5.50 per month. F. J. CLAMER, Collegeville, Pa.

FOR SALE.

A fine square piano; has a beautiful tone. Price \$40. Apply to 10-1. MRS. SHIRLEY, Arcola.

FOR SALE.

An excellent double parlor heater, used two seasons. Apply to G. L. OMWAKE, Collegeville, Pa. Sixth Avenue.

FOR SALE.

500 bushels potatoes. Large size, \$1 per bushel; smaller size, 80 cents; delivered. Call on or address JAMES A. STEVENS, On road to Black Rock, near Trappe. 10-8-2t.

FOR SALE.

A geese feather bed; weighs about 40 pounds. Well preserved and in fine condition. Apply to MRS. REBECCA P. BEAN, Collegeville, Pa. 10-1-3t.

NOTICE TO GUNNERS.

All trespassing for hunting and gunning is positively forbidden on the premises of the undersigned. Horace Aschenfelder, Upper Providence. (Additional names, 10 cents each.)

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE COLLEGEVILLE NATIONAL BANK, AT COLLEGEVILLE, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 23, 1908.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts.....\$105,020 31
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....40
S. Bonds to secure circulation.....25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....1,068 75
Bonds, securities, etc.....71,340 81
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....8,907 54
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....1,181 91
Due from approved reserve agents.....16,584 55
Checks and other cash items.....127 85
Notes of other National Banks.....916 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents.....128 88
Legal Money Reserve Bank, viz: Specie.....\$9,799 00
Legal-tender notes.....10,359 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation).....1,250 00
Total.....\$242,679 98

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in.....\$50,000 00
Surplus fund.....4,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....2,503 55
National Bank notes outstanding.....25,000 00
Due to other National Banks.....1,691 91
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks.....744 51
Individual deposits subject to check.....80,363 25
Demand certificates of deposit.....1,692 25
Savings deposits.....70,684 34
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....6,000 00
Total.....\$242,679 98

State of Pennsylvania, County of Montgomery,
I, W. D. Renninger, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. D. RENNINGER, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of September, 1908.

JOSEPH C. LANDES, Notary Public.
My commission expires January 28, 1911.

Correct—Attest: I. S. BUCHER, F. J. CLAMER, Directors.
Commenced business February 14, 1907.

AN ORDINANCE

FOR THE LAYING OUT OF A STREET, TO BE CALLED STATE STREET, IN THE BOROUGH OF TRAPPE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, OF A WIDTH OF THIRTY FEET AND ESTABLISHING A GRADE THEREFOR.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Trappe, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the said Burgess and Town Council, that a street be laid out of the width of thirty-three feet and placed upon the borough map or plot, as follows: BEGINNING in the middle of Main street, in the aforesaid Borough of Trappe, at an iron pin set for a corner for the middle line of said State street, between the lands of Daniel Shuler and Jacob Wisler; thence along the middle of said State street south forty-two and one half degrees west two thousand two hundred and ten feet to an iron pin in the middle of the said road set for a corner in the line between J. Warren Rosenberger and Andrew Brachhold opposite Sarah Jane Gristock's property; thence along the middle of the aforesaid road south forty-two degrees west eight hundred and sixty-five feet to an angle where the road leading to Royersford connects with the State road on John D. Saylor's property; thence over the State road south thirty-four degrees west five hundred four and one-half feet to the borough line, where another road crosses at nearly right angles.

Sec. 2. The grade of said State street in part is hereby established to be as follows: BEGINNING at and on the curb line of the west side of Main street; thence along said State street southwestward a distance of forty-seven feet the grade shall be 2 per cent; thence a distance of sixty-five feet a grade of 1.6 per cent; thence a distance of four hundred and thirty-eight feet a grade of 7.10 per cent; thence for a distance of seven hundred and fifty feet a grade of 1.15 per cent; being a total distance of 1300 feet southwestward on said State street from the curb line of Main street in said borough between the properties of Daniel Shuler and Jacob Wisler.

Sec. 3. BEGINNING at a line of level with the west side of said State street at a distance of three hundred and ninety-seven feet from Main street; thence at a uniform grade of 1.2 per cent to the curb line of Main street.

Sec. 4. The width of said State street shall be thirty-three feet, four feet for sidewalk on each side of said street and twenty-five feet between the curb lines.

Sec. 5. Said street shall be named, known and designated as State street in the aforesaid Borough of Trappe.

Enacted into an ordinance by Council Chamber on 5th day of October Anno Domini, 1908.

M. B. SCHRACK, President of Town Council.
Attest: FRANK W. SHALPO, Clerk of Town Council.
October 6, 1908: the foregoing ordinance is hereby approved.
J. WARREN ROYER, Burgess.

DAVID CULP, JR.,

Blacksmith and Horseshoer

at the old stand on Main Street, Collegeville, near Perkiomen Bridge. All kinds of blacksmithing done. Horseshoeing a specialty. 10-1.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Montgomery county, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of Emeline Longaker, late of Limerick Square in Limerick township, Montgomery county deceased, will be exposed to public sale on the premises, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1908. The improvements consist of a two-story stone house with a two-story frame L attached, containing 3 bedrooms and box entry on first floor, 4 rooms on second floor, garret above, cellar under. A frame stable arranged for 2 horses and 3 cows with entry and threshing floor; mows above; and other outbuildings. Well of water and cistern at house, and a variety of fruit. The land is productive. This property is situated in a pleasant little village, through which the Schuylkill Valley trolley line extends. Any one desiring a pleasant home should call and view the premises. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m. Conditions: Ten per cent. down; the balance upon delivery of title.

HORACE L. KOHL, Administrator
F. H. Peterman, Auctioneer.
M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between myself and Isaac P. Grater, under the firm of Place and Grater, was dissolved February 29, 1908, by reason of the death of the said Isaac P. Grater. All debts owing to said partnership are to be received by me and all claims on the said partnership are to be presented to me for payment.

E. B. PLACE, Liquidating Partner of Place and Grater. R. D. No. 2, Norristown, Pa. 10-8-6t.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Sarah L. Johnson, late of Limerick township, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters of administration of the above estate having been granted the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims, to present the same within thirty days to the undersigned.

LILLIAN H. JOHNSON, ELIZABETH M. JOHNSON, LAURA B. JOHNSON, Administrators, Royersford, Pa. 10-8.

NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County.

To Abraham Hunsberger, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and all parties interested in the mortgage hereinafter mentioned.

Take notice that upon the eighth day of September, A. D. 1908, Elizabeth Ely presented her petition averring that she is the owner in fee of a certain message and two tracts of land situated in the Township of Limerick, County of Montgomery, and State of Pennsylvania, containing to-wit: 14 acres and 29 perches of land more or less, being the same premises conveyed in fee to her by Clinton Rorer, Sheriff of Montgomery County, by deed poll dated March 8, 1890, and recorded in Sheriff's Deed Book 1, page 315; that a mortgage covering said premises was given by Jacob Reifsnnyder to the said Abraham Hunsberger, dated the 8th day of April, 1890, and recorded in Mortgage Book No. 22, page 436, for the sum of \$2000, and that no satisfaction of said mortgage is of record, and no release or assignment thereof appears to have been made; that a period of over 21 years has elapsed since the principal of said mortgage became due and payable, and that no payment of either principal or interest has been made by him nor by his predecessors in title, within said period, nor has any demand therefor been made.

Thereupon the said court ordered notice of said facts to be served by the Sheriff of Montgomery county upon the said Abraham Hunsberger, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or whoever may be the known holder or holders of the mortgage, if it to be found in the said county, and having known residences, and if not, then to give public notice by advertisement, requiring them to appear in said court on Monday, the 18th day of October, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., to answer to the said petition, and show cause, if any they have, why the said decree should not be granted and the said mortgage properly satisfied of record.

CHAUNCEY J. BUCKLEY, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Norristown, Pa., September 14, 1908.

Evans & Dettra, Attorneys for Petitioner.

NOTICE.

To Henry Kendall, Samuel Kendall, John Kendall, Elizabeth Kendall, Mary Kendall, Joseph Kendall, Christopher Kendall or their respective legal representatives.

Take notice, that on September 1, 1908, there was presented in the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County the petition of William Jaeger and Sarah Jaeger, setting forth in part, that they are the owners in fee of certain premises situated in the Township of Limerick, and said county, bounded by a public road leading from Ridge Pike to Schwenksville, premises of John A. Brooke, Samuel Jaeger, and Jacob Schell, Isaac D. Hatfield, and others, containing twelve acres and fifty-six perches of land, that prior to 1811 certain real estate, of which the aforesaid real estate now owned by the said William Jaeger was a part, vested in John Kendall, who being so thereof seized, died testate leaving a last will in which he directed that the widow's dower of nine hundred pounds be secured in said above mentioned real estate during the term of her natural life and at the time of her decease, to the heirs and legal representatives of the said Joseph Kendall, deceased, which was done in deed of executors to Henry Walt for said premises recorded in Norristown in Deed Book No. 28, page 273. That the said widow died more than twenty-one years ago, and the said dower fund consequently became due and payable to the heirs of the said Joseph Kendall, above mentioned, and is presumed to have been paid, but no release is upon record; that no payment of principal or interest has been made on account of said dower within the period of twenty-one years then last past, and praying the Court to direct the Sheriff of said county to give public notice of such application as required by law and to decree that the Recorder of Deeds of said county be authorized and required to enter on record in his office a copy of said petition and that the said decree and record shall forever thereafter operate as a release and discharge of the land from the incumbrance of the aforesaid dower whereupon on the same day said Court direct the undersigned to give public notice of said petition and that in the event of the non-appearance of any person to answer said petition the decree thereof would be granted.

CHAUNCEY J. BUCKLEY, Sheriff. O. L. Evans, Attorney for Petitioner. Sheriff's Office, Norristown, Pa., September 14, 1908.

FOR SALE.

About 80 feet of good pale fencing, painted; square, smooth pales. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

ANTIQUE WORK FOR SALE.

One 7-foot lawn settee, 2 single chairs, flower vase. Price, \$30. Apply to 6-11. JOSEPH JEWELL, Trappe, Pa.

PUBLIC SALE OF

Virginia Cows!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1908, at Penn's hotel, Gratersford, 40 fresh cows and springers direct from Dayton, Virginia. These cows are well selected. They are good sized, shapely, well bred, and big milk and butter producers. They are well worth while bidding at and buying for they are money makers for farmers and dairymen. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by JONAS P. FISHER. F. H. Peterman, auct.

COMBINATION SALE OF

Redeemed Pledges.

By J. LUDLUM LEE.

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Solomon Isaacs had been counted a prosperous pawnbroker for years. His little shop, located on the corner of a busy thoroughfare, showed a big profit, while large concerns in the neighborhood had failed during the hard times.

Real estate sharks had made tempting offers to Solomon for his precious corner, but he assured them all that he was doing very well and did not care to sell. Indeed, Solomon boasted of many fashionable customers, and his showcases often displayed gorgeous gems, offered for sale at temptingly low prices.

Business seldom started in until after 10 in the morning, so Solomon was standing in the open doorway smoking a cigar when his attention was attracted to a fashionably dressed young woman looking in his window. Suddenly she caught his glance and darted in the doorway.

"I want to get this watch out of pawn," she said as Mr. Isaacs followed her into the shop. She handed him the ticket.

"Out early, ain't you?" suggested Isaacs as he glanced her over, wondering how she had happened to pawn a watch for \$5. Clearly some one had arranged the matter for her. Isaacs never forgot a business face.

He took the ticket and went to the back of the store in search of the pledged article, and Nita Norcross spent the time in looking into a tempting case of old jewelry. One old locket attracted her and on his return she asked its price.

Isaacs took out the locket slowly, still searching the girl's face. The price seemed reasonable, and she bought it. Turning to leave the shop,



"WHY, I BOUGHT IT," SHE FINALLY ANSWERED.

she met face to face a huge policeman and a lithe youth. Nita's heart went out to the latter. In her imagination she pictured the young man as wayward and pawning, perhaps stealing, jewelry. Surely he must be a thief, or why his police escort? The suspected youth looked at her sharply as he passed into the shop, and Nita hurried home with her purchase. Once in her room, she told her maid to send the laundress upstairs. She wished to speak to her privately.

"Here is your watch, Mrs. Berry," said Nita as she handed the timepiece to her washerwoman, who began to weep copiously on a gingham apron. "I hope you will never have to part with it again. The next time you need money for sickness or any serious trouble come to me. Never pawn anything again. It is a terrible habit," continued Nita. Then, recalling the picture of the handsome youth, she added: "It teaches young men where they can get extra money and oftener gets them into trouble than out of it. Now run along to your work and never think of it again." And Mrs. Berry, clasping the cheap yet precious watch of her dead husband to her heart, went back to her tubs.

Several weeks later Nita Norcross was invited to the clambake given at Oak Ridge by her old friends the Clydes. Mrs. Clyde introduced her to the many new friends they had met since moving to Oak Ridge, and soon supper was in full swing.

Encircling the round table were thirty men and girls, and Nita casually looked them over. Directly opposite she recognized a new face strangely familiar. Where had she seen that man before? He had an almost impudent smile, and, look where she would, their glances seemed always to cross.

Supper was over, and the guests were strolling about the grounds. The man with the familiar-strange face came up to Nita as she stood beneath a clump of lanterns.

"This is Miss Norcross, I believe," he said. "I am Mr. Hildredth. We were introduced early in the evening, but no doubt you did not catch my name. Have you seen the sunken lake of which Clyde is so proud?"

Once away from the crowd, they found a comfortable little seat along the water's edge, and the moonlight fell clear upon them.

"Gorgeous night, isn't it?" suggest-

ed Nita. She could not explain why she had this uncommon constrained feeling when with this man.

"Bully," he replied. "May I light a cigarette just to keep the bugs away?" "You certainly may," agreed Nita. "I wonder if you would think me frightfully rude," began Mr. Hildredth, "if I were to ask you where you ran against the locket you have on your neck, Miss Norcross. It's a perfect beauty. I have seen but one other like it, and that belonged to my mother."

Nita blushed and nervously twirled the locket which hung on a fine chain about her neck.

"Why, I bought it," she finally answered.

"Yes, of course, but where?"

The silence which followed was painful, and Hildredth continued:

"You see, my mother's locket was stolen along with a lot of other jewelry that my valet relieved me of about a year ago, and I've spent hundreds of dollars and a world of time trying to locate the stuff. What he took of mine I don't care a rap about, but my mother's keepsakes—well, you could understand that would be a different thing. In my mother's locket there is a picture of a child—a picture of me. Whom do you carry in yours, Miss Norcross?"

Hildredth waited several minutes for his answer. Slowly the girl took the locket from her throat and reached it to him.

"Open it," she almost whispered.

He did so and revealed the picture of a curly headed child of about six, and while Hildredth looked long at the picture the girl told the story of how she came by it.

"And isn't it absurd," she was saying, "I thought you were a thief that day when I saw you with the policeman?"

"And I," said Hildredth, "though you were a society girl getting extra money to play the races or go to fortune tellers or some equally wicked dissipation." Then, changing his tone entirely, he continued: "I hate to ask the return of this, but mother valued it above price. But as she is now abroad I want you to show you hold me no ill will by putting it back on your throat and wearing it while you are at Oak Ridge. When we part?"

He extended the trinket to her, and his hand touched hers. Without argument she clasped the fine chain once more about her neck. Nothing was said by either, but Lawrence lighted another cigarette and bit hard.

"I think we had better join the crowd," said Nita, "or they'll be instituting a searching party for us."

The next days and for many days after during Nita's stay at Oak Ridge, Lawrence Hildredth found an excuse to run over in his motor or to sail over in his boat to the Clyde lodge. The last evening of Nita's visit had come, and she and Lawrence were once more sitting by the water's edge. Nearly a month had passed, and another moon had come to shed its rays upon Oak Ridge.

"Tomorrow I am going home," Nita said, "so I will give you back the locket tonight. Your mother will be home soon, too, I hear."

He took it from her with reluctant hand.

"Nita," Lawrence's voice was tenderness itself. "There is just one woman to whom my mother would give that locket—my wife. Will you take me, Nita? Take my locket and my love? Tell me, Nita, that you love me."

Nita looked straight into his eyes.

"Larrie, dear, I do love you, and I always will."

He clasped the locket about her throat again, pledging it to her for life, and the kiss he received in payment seemed priceless.

From Welsh to Spanish.

A very long time ago the British government ordered that English should be taught in Welsh schools. As a result, a colony of persecuted Welsh miners fled from the British tyranny and settled in the deserts of Patagonia. These men were heroes, and with most magnificent courage they dared to live in a desert where not a plant would grow, where the water was brackish and the heat intolerable. They were surrounded by wild tribes of hostile savages and made them warm friends; they were ruled by a foreign government and became loyal citizens.

Through long years of want and famine they never despaired. They have turned the desert into a beautiful fertile country, have become rich, number 3,000 people, have extended their string of settlements right across South America, own a paying railway and ship large crops of wheat, wool, ostrich feathers and quano skins.

They left Wales to escape the tyranny of the English language and now, rather than talk Welsh, they converse largely of their freedom in excellent Spanish.

Germs, Their Friends and Foes.

Germs are powerless to affect a healthy body in which the vital resistance is maintained by good habits of living. Alcohol, tobacco and other such drugs, whether narcotic or stimulative in their effects, are aids and comforts to our invisible enemies. Too much food, especially hearty food such as meat and beans, forms supplies for the commissary department of the enemy instead of for the brigades of white corpuscles. On the other hand, every breath drawn deeply into the lungs of fresh, sun warmed air is a direct blow struck at our foes and on the side of our defenders. Every sip of pure water aids the forces of life. So, too, does every motion in walking, running and other exercises—when exercise is not excessive. Every mouthful of pure food adds fuel to the flame of life.—Success Magazine.

A REAPER RACE.

The Feat That Made William N. Whiteley Famous.

In the early days of the exploitation of various reaping machines a field demonstration, usually competitive, was a necessary occurrence. H. N. Casson in "The Romance of the Reaper" tells the following story of William N. Whiteley, "the Charlemagne of the harvest field."

He was as tall as a sapling and as strong as a tree. As a professor in the great school of agriculture he has never been surpassed. He could outwalk, outwork and generally outwit the men who were sent against him. He was a whole exhibition in himself.

"I've seen Bill Whiteley racing his horses through the grain and leaning over with his long arms to pick the mice's nests from just in front of the knife," said an old Ohio settler.

The feat that first made Whiteley famous was performed at Jamestown, O., in 1867. His competitor was doing as good work as he was, whereupon he sprang from his seat, unhitched one horse and finished his course with a single surprised steed pulling the heavy machine.

His competitor followed suit and succeeded fully as well.

This enraged Whiteley, who at that time was as powerful as a young Hercules.

"I can pull that reaper myself!" he shouted, turning his second horse loose and yoking his big shoulders into the harness.

Such a thing had never been done before and has never been done since, but it is true that in the passion of the moment Whiteley was filled with such strength that he ran the reaper from one side of the field to the other, cutting a full swath, a deed that, had he done it in ancient Greece, would have placed him among the immortals.

That ten minutes in a horse collar made \$2,000.00 for Whiteley. His antagonist, Benjamin H. Warder, was filled with admiration for Whiteley's prowess and at once proposed that they should quit fighting and work in harmony.

"Give me the right to make your reaper, and I'll pay you \$5 apiece for all I can sell," said Warder.

"It's a bargain," responded Whiteley. And so there arose the first consolidation in the harvester business.

TUMULT IN THE SEA.

Terrific Force of a Marine Upheaval Off Cape Horn.

A sailing ship rounding Cape Horn was caught in a dead calm, something almost unprecedented in that stormy latitude. The sky was filled with a light haze, and the sea was flat and lead colored. About 10 o'clock on the morning of the second day the ship began to shake violently, the masts whipped and bent like fish poles, and everything movable above and below came down with a clatter. It was like striking a rock, only the shock was less pronounced at first, but increased in violence during the thirty seconds it lasted. The sea heaved in oily swells with a strange, hoarse murmur, and it continued to be agitated after the tremors ceased.

Half an hour later fish by the thousands began to rise to the surface until it was covered with them. Forty-seven whales were counted, many cowfish fully eight feet across, sharks without number and seals by the hundreds. They were evidently stunned with the force of some terrific marine upheaval, and when struck with a pole by one of the sailors showed only faint signs of life. In twenty minutes after the first fish arose to the surface they began to drop out of sight like pieces of lead. Whether they were stunned and, on recovering, immediately dived beneath the waves in a panic, seeking safety in the depths, or whether they died from the shock and, instead of floating as dead fish, do, were drawn under by some submarine whirlpool, were scientific questions too deep for the skipper, but half a dozen of the smaller fish hauled aboard by the cook for dinner were quite dead when examined. The calm continued twenty-four hours longer before the ocean resumed its usual aspect and a wind from the southeast permitted the ship to continue its course.—New York Press.

Behind the Times.

Four artillerymen were looking around the picture gallery in the Metropolitan museum the other day, but they did not seem particularly interested. When they got to Meissonier's "Friedland—1807" two of them, one a sergeant, paused for a second look. The sergeant went close to the canvas and gazed intently at the Old Guard in the background.

"Those guys are carrying old fashioned Springfield rifles," was the only comment he made.—New York Sun.

The Boiler's Reasons.

Mother—Don't tease me, Johnnie. Can't you see I'm in a lot of trouble? The boiler has sprung a leak. Johnnie—What makes it leak? Mother—Because it's my day at home, your father has asked two men to dinner, the cook has left, and the butcher hasn't come with the meat. Now run and play.—Brooklyn Life.

A Big Difference.

Mrs. Crimmonbeak—See how nicely that team of horses go along. Why can't man and wife trot along pleasantly together like that? Mr. Crimmonbeak—Well, you see, there is only one tongue between those two horses.—Yonkers Statesman.

Fundamentally there is no such thing as private action. All actions are public in themselves or in their consequences.—Bovee.

A MIND READER.

His Analysis of the Character of the New Boarder.

"I can tell you all about yourself," said the boarding house Sherlock Holmes to the new boarder after the landlady had introduced them across the roast mutton.

The boarding house sleuth prided himself on his keen observation of human nature and his ability to make deductions therefrom.

"You're a mind reader, are you?" asked the new boarder.

"To a great extent," replied the sleuth. "For instance, I never met you before, but I know you are from the east."

"Good guess," said the new boarder. "You come from a family of extraordinary ability and good antecedents, although none of your family possesses great wealth."

The new boarder smiled his approval. "A peculiar thing about you is that your beard is of remarkable toughness. Your face, on the contrary, is very tender, so that you experience great difficulty in shaving. Few razors are made of fine enough steel to overcome the texture of your beard."

"True again," said the new boarder, "although I don't know how you guessed it, but my beard is the toughest I have ever encountered."

"Also you are a rough and ready humorist, able to snap out a funny remark in almost any situation that can arise."

"Say," said the new boarder, "you make me feel uncanny. How do you do this stunt of character reading?"

The boarding house Sherlock smiled broadly and speared a "French fried."

"It's this way," he elucidated. "Simple enough when explained, like all really great detective work. I knew you were from the east by the way you worked the salt shaker. Westerners pick up the salt shaker with the right hand and plunge it at the food. Easterners seize the shaker with the left hand, invert it and tap it briskly on the bottom with the right hand."

The boarders gasped in admiration of the sleuth's genius.

"I knew you came from a remarkable family because that's the kind we all come from. I concluded your relatives were not overburdened with wealth or you wouldn't be living in this hashery. I knew your whiskers were remarkably tough, for every man living thinks he has the toughest whiskers going. The barber tells him so. Somehow or other a man takes it as a high compliment to be told his whiskers are the toughest the barber ever tackled. Then it helps reconcile the victim to having his face torn off."

"Lastly, I knew you were a humorist on the same broad and general principle. Every American thinks he is a second Bill Nye with additions and improvements. The small boy at the ball game yells 'Get a basket!' when a ball is fumbled. When the street car conductor says, 'Plenty of room up in front!' half a dozen wits reply, 'Plenty of room, but it's all taken.' When you find a citizen of this great republic who doesn't think he's a jolly wag, you've discovered something."

The new boarder was silent in mental cogitation.—Kansas City Star.

When a man can tell his principles from his prejudices he is tolerably educated.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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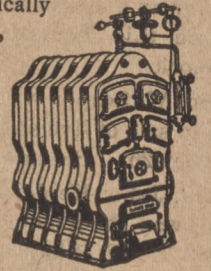
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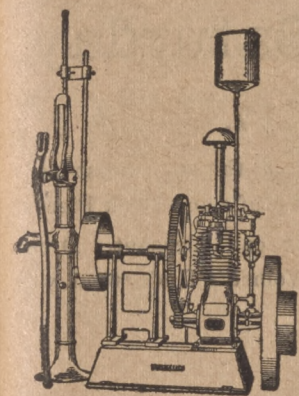
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The Substitutes

By Constance D'Arcy Mackay.

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To look at Miss Miranda Eldridge you would never dream that she was one of those who keep all the hidden fire. She was small and thin and careworn, and her eyes, except when she smiled, were full of the tiredness that a dreary procession of days had put there.

The other boarders seated around the long narrow table of Mrs. Pennington's basement dining room filled in the pauses between soup and roast with friendly jocularity, in which Miss Eldridge took no part.

To be sure, she answered pleasantly enough if any one spoke to her, yet she always lapsed into silence immediately afterward and as soon as dinner was over sought the narrow confines of her little hall bedroom, up four flights of creaking, ill lit stairs.

But as no way is really ever dark to those who have the inner vision, so to Miss Eldridge her skylight room was not the cheerless place it seemed. To others it might look sparse and cramped and lonely, but to her it was a sanctuary of dreams, where night after night she lived over again the one great event that had crowned her meager life.

Once in a past, now growing very dim and far, romance had touched her with a sweep of rosy pinions. That was twelve years before—twelve dreary, uneventful, work worn years—and yet Miss Eldridge had never forgotten. She still held the vision as if it were yesterday.

It had begun commonplace enough. A wealthy aunt had chosen to remember Miss Eldridge's existence, and sent her a bit of pasteboard that bade her be present at an evening musicale. Tremblingly and unexpectant, little Miss Eldridge had gone, and had found it like most musicales until the magical moment when a tall young man who looked like a Greek god in evening dress came up to her and wanted to know if he couldn't bring her an ice. Then he had stood with her, chatting lightly and easily of this thing and that, so brilliant, so apart from that made up her humdrum little round, that she had listened to him, rapt and spellbound, as if he were indeed the true bringer of the Promethean fire.

And from that time on she had never forgotten him. He was the ideal be-



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side which all other men were compared and found wanting. And though she had never seen him again, and though he moved in worlds quite other than her own, the hope that she would one day meet him still made her heart leap, still filled her days with expectancy and her nights with dreams.

Though that one blissful invitation was all that her august aunt had chosen to send her, there were not other places where she might glimpse her hero—the park, the bridge path or Riverside? It gave an eager uplift to each moment without which her life would have been bare indeed.

She faded, but her hope never died. Perpetual adoration kept it vital and alive. Yet there were times when even her high spirit faltered, times when something in her reached out for a more actual companionship than that of visions, and it was on one of these days that she first met the professor. Really met him, that is, for he had sat opposite her at the table month in and month out with no deeper acquaintanceship than that which arises from politely passing the bread or intimating one's willingness to share the salt and pepper.

But now the professor had met her face to face in the lower hall one sultry September night when the rest of the boarders were clamorously scrambling for places of vantage on the stone steps.

Perhaps he read a fellow feeling in Miss Eldridge's eyes. Perhaps he guessed that there were moments when she, too, found Mrs. Pennington's unendurable. Be that as it might, on the spur of the moment he stopped her and asked if she wouldn't rather go for a stroll than "join that pandemonium out there," indicating the doorstep and its occupants by a vague wave of the hand.

Miss Eldridge paused, hesitated and accepted. Not that by this was her

idol removed from its niche. Far from it. For as time progressed the sympathetic understanding which sprang up between herself and the professor brought to light the fact that he, too, had had his ideal—a woman seen only once, but beautifully remembered and treasured in his middle aged heart as an unfading rose whose luster dimmed all other flowers.

"Any glimpse?" he would ask her whimsically as they walked side by side in the crisp November weather. Undiscouraged, she would shake her head. "And you?"

"Not the slightest," he would answer. And so it went.

Then came the morning when a large, square envelope was laid by Miss Eldridge's plate. Her aunt, growing old and feeble, had not the less diminished her social activities. After a long absence in Europe she had returned to New York and requested the pleasure of Miss Eldridge's company at —. Miss Eldridge put down the invitation, white to the lips, her heart bounding furiously. Pride urged her not to accept, but a feeling stronger than any self love swept over the barriers of pride and brought them low. The old inextinguishable hope was there, vital and dominant as ever.

On the great evening she arrayed herself with trembling fingers. The face her mirror showed was flushed and radiant. It was as if her lost youth had stepped back to crown her for a moment with the touch of all sweet, imperishable things.

The professor was going to a special meeting of the board of education and had promised to wait for her at the car when it was time for her to return. Ten minutes before she arrived he was at his post, pacing restlessly. Under the thin flare of the street lamps his face looked more tired and haggard than usual. The glory, too, had faded from Miss Eldridge's eyes when she came. As she met him she looked quite worn. The professor guessed at the reason instantly.

"Wasn't he there?" he asked, a throb of commiseration in his voice.

"Yes," she cried, with a little laugh that was half a sob—"yes; he was there. He—he came and talked to me, and instead of—oh, professor, how can I tell you! He isn't the least bit like an Apollo Belvedere! He's grown stout and a little bald, and—and—" A second sob stuck in Miss Eldridge's throat.

But she had worshiped unrealty so long that now she was determined to have the truth at any cost. "And I thought his remarks were exceedingly rapid," she ended bravely. Then she glanced up at the professor and noted the change in him.

"Why, professor," she cried, "has anything happened? Has?"

"Yes," said the professor grimly, "a great deal has happened. Tonight at the board meeting I saw her!"

Miss Eldridge's question came in a startled whisper. "And is she—still the same?"

"Yes, she is still the same. She has preserved her youth, and you know how preserved youth looks. I'd rather have an honest wrinkle than all the"—He stopped and then went on more calmly: "All my life I have been idealizing a pretty doll, endowing her with graces of the heart and soul that she never for an instant had, while here beside me— Oh, I've been blind as a bat, Miranda, blind as a bat, but I'm going to make up for it if you'll let me, if you'll listen to a poor middle aged suitor after your dreams of Apollo Belvedere!"

The glow had come back again to little Miss Eldridge's face. Her eyes were twin stars.

"Let you?" she whispered. "Oh, tonight, after my eyes were opened, I thought of you, and I felt so desperately lonely, for I knew you had some one else, while I!"

"The school board," said the professor irrelevantly, "have raised my salary. They've offered to make me principal of an outlying school where all the teachers own their homes—beautiful homes, with lawns and vine covered porches."

The professor straightened as he spoke and looked positively young.

And an hour later Miss Eldridge opened the tiny window of her skylight bedroom and tossed out across the roofs a faded bunch of violets that she had worn on a memorable night twelve years before and cherished ever since. Then she turned about with a happy sigh, for the dream was ended, and in its place had come the substance of reality.

Foiling the Book Lender.

"The public library serves me in an important respect," said the man with the aggressive weskif, "even though I don't take a book out once a year. I can say I'll take a book out, and that serves my purpose. If the public library wasn't here I couldn't do that."

"I'm always being pestered by fool friends, who say: 'Have you read this or that? Oh, you haven't! Well, I'll lend it to you.' Then if I accept the loan the chances are that I never want to read the book anyhow and haven't the time if I did. Then I forget to return it and make a lifelong enemy of the lender. Some day there'll be a painless method of exterminating the book lender. In the meantime I dodge him by means of the public library. I say, 'Much obliged, but I've got my application in for that very book at the library.' Then that lets me out. That's about the only way I ever use the library."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Double.

"Apparently you don't admire Miss Skreesh."

"No; I don't like her airs."

"What airs?"

"Those she sings and those she tears."—Philadelphia Press.

A LECTURE FOR HIM.

Why the Bright Little Woman Scored Her Thoughtless Husband.

A bright little woman was recently overheard lecturing her husband as follows:

"Now I'll tell you why I wouldn't go into the restaurant and have a cup of coffee with you while we were waiting for the train. I didn't like the way you asked me. Not half an hour before you said to Mr. Puffer, 'Come, let's get a cigar,' and away you went, holding his arm and not giving him a chance to decline."

"When we met John Howdy on our way to luncheon you said: 'Just in time, John. Come take lunch with us.' And then tonight, when we had to wait an hour for the train, you looked at your watch, turned on me and said in a questioning way, 'Would you like a cup of coffee?' And I did want it. I was tired and a little hungry, but I would have fainted before I would have accepted such an invitation. And you went away a little bit vexed with me and had your coffee and bread and butter by yourself and didn't enjoy them very much. In effect you said to me, 'If you want a cup of coffee, if you really want it, I will buy it for you.'"

"You are the best husband in the world, but do as nearly as all the best husbands do."

"Why do you men seem to dole out things to your wives when you fairly throw them to the men you know? Why didn't you invite me heartily as you invite men? Why didn't you say, 'Come, let's get a little coffee and something,' and take me straight away with you?"

"You wouldn't say to a man, 'Would you like me to go and buy you a cigar?' Then why do you always issue your little invitations to treats in that way to me?"

"Indeed, if men would only act toward their wives as heartily, cordially and frankly as they do toward the men whom they meet they would find cheerier companions at home than they could at the club."—San Francisco Chronicle.

PRICE OF A THRONE.

Luxury Expenditures at the Court of Napoleon.

One of the oldest Paris firms for gold and silk embroideries, a house which had already served Louis XVI. and his court with highly artistic needlework, is still in possession of its accounts of former centuries. An inspection of these books reveals a good summary of the luxury expenditures of the French court, the Bonapartist as well as the legitimistic. Napoleon I., who for his own wants was in contrast to the spendthrift Josephine, very economical, went, though, to a large expense when it was for representative gala dresses. The 10,000 francs which he had to pay for the embroidery on his coronation robe he did not consider too high a price. But his embroidered frock coat that had cost him 3,500 francs and which became too tight for him not long after its first year he ordered to be widened by pieces of cloth and the new seams to be covered with embroideries. The bill for his throne, however, foots up to a pretty considerable amount. The outer drapery of purple velvet, trimmed with gold lace, was 10,200 francs. The red velvet panels were strewn with inwoven golden bees at 5 francs apiece, and above the fauteuil the emperor's coat-of-arms was seen in raised embroidery; total cost, 16,200 francs. The inner drapery consisted of blue satin with gold lace at 9,600 francs. Gold embroidered stripes for the inner trimming cost 8,500 francs. Embroidery on the blue velvet fauteuil amounted to 3,020 francs. The foot cushion to 1,200. In addition there were 1,150 bees on the unembroidered panels of the baldachin at the price of 5,250 francs. Altogether the price of Napoleon's throne was 53,970 francs.—Harper's.

Delightful Gift.

Little Miss Hamlin is a grateful soul, and her many relations find it a pleasure to do her kindnesses and present her with appropriate gifts.

"You certainly were well remembered on your birthday," said a friend. "What did your uncle, Dr. Grantham, give you?"

"He hasn't given it to me yet," said little Miss Hamlin, "but next month, when he isn't quite so busy, he's going to give me my appendicitis operation. Isn't that good of him?"—Youth's Companion.

Qualified to Do It.

"Did you know," said the tooth carter, looking up from his paper, "that the Indians practiced dentistry in the earliest times?"

"I didn't know it," replied the man who had once sat in a dentist's chair, "but I am not at all surprised. The Indians have always been a brutal and cruel race."

Then he laughed gleefully, forgetful of the fact that there was still time for the dentist to add \$15 or \$20 to his bill.—Chicago Post.

Not His Heart.

Parson—Good morning, Mrs. Stubbins. Is your husband home? Mrs. Stubbins—E's home, sir, but 'e's abed. Parson—How is it that he didn't come to church on Sunday? You know we must have our hearts in the right place. Mrs. Stubbins—Lor', sir, 'e's 'eart's all right. It's 's trousers.—London Truth.

Unavoidable.

"Do you think a man ought to be greater than his party?"

"Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "it isn't desirable. But sometimes you can't prevent a man's party from shrinking."—Washington Star.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has enough to stand for in the present campaign of national moment without being held responsible for the mouthings of an indiscreet son-in-law.

FROM the Indianapolis News: Whatever other crops may have failed this year for one reason or another, there seems to have been no difficulty experienced anywhere in raising prices.

THE editor acknowledges with thanks an invitation from the Trustees and Faculty of the Pennsylvania State College to attend the exercises connected with the dedication of Woman's Building, Friday, October 16.

SOME observing persons lean toward the conclusion that it will not be necessary for President Roosevelt to go to Africa to kill an elephant, the inference being that the animal at home is in great danger.

IT is announced that candidate Taft is about done for physically, in the line of speechmaking, and that President Roosevelt is preparing to take to the stump with both feet. In the interest of Mr. Taft, it might be well for the President to take to the woods and hunt bears.

JUDGES of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington have decided that the cigarette must go, having agreed that the anti-cigarette law, enacted by the legislature of 1907, is constitutional. The decision by the upper court means it is unlawful to manufacture, sell or give away the paper rolls or "the makings" in any other part of the commonwealth.

THE following rational and approximately accurate view as to corporations is from the Louisville Courier Journal: "It is only the dishonest, bribe-giving, blackmailing, tyrannizing and throat-cutting corporation that is to be condemned with utmost severity. Aside from that kind, corporations are for the most part great constructive forces. They serve as opportunities for good investments for persons who wish to use their capital legitimately and profitably. They serve to give employment to wage-earners, professional men and salaried men. They buy materials and thereby help along other communities and other investors and wage-earners. They help along their own communities by creating industries, putting money into circulation and increasing the buying power of the population. They develop property, promote prosperity, add to taxable interests, make for growth. In most cases they are of immeasurable service to the consuming public because they produce articles that the consumer needs in his business or in his home and for a smaller price than might be possible were the products turned out under different circumstances. They bring new inventions to the people, exploit stagnant neighborhoods and keep the wheels of civilization and of progress in motion. There are corporations that are doing so much good for the public and for all in their service they merit praise and support. The country needs more like them. It is creditable to be associated with them. The lawyer who represents them has clients which he may well be envied. He may properly boast being a 'corporation lawyer' in such cases. It is important for the public to bear the distinction in mind."

THE Manchester Union optimistically affirms: A fellow who tells the truth, and only the truth all the time, won't be popular, but he'll get a rain-check for heaven all right.

ACCORDING to Sir William Crookes, says the London Globe, in 1931 the production of wheat will be unequal to the increase of the world's population. A Transatlantic writer now suggests that we should take more advantage of the reserve of food in the sea and use to a greater extent edible weeds. In the suggestion as to eating these weeds there is not much new, for Asiatics have for centuries availed themselves of the supply offered by the sea. Seaweed found off the coasts of Scotland and Ireland has been utilized for food purposes.

THE Republicans of this county opened a series of campaign meetings at Sanatoga on Monday evening. The political contest in this county is devoid of acute interest, because of the preponderance of the normal Republican majority. Of course there will be some anxiety as to just which of the two Democratic candidates for County Commissioner, Mr. Christman of Lower Pottsgrove and Dr. Kane of Norristown, will receive the highest number of votes. As to the contests in the four Legislative districts no doubt as to results is associated with the First and Fourth. In the First district Mr. Ambler, Republican, will have easy sailing to victory, and in the Fourth district Mr. Gilbert, Democrat, has no reason whatever to fear defeat. In the Second district Robert Miller, Republican, has pitted against him a local option candidate and a Democratic candidate. The advocates of local option are evidently conducting at present a secretive campaign against Mr. Miller. He is a strong candidate, has excellent qualifications for the position for which he has been nominated, and it is not probable that the voters of his district will defeat him because he will not make promises to please a relatively small minority of electors. His popularity and his capabilities will be pretty certain to effect his success at the polls. In this district Mr. Bartman, Republican, encounters the same opposition, and also largely within his party, as does Mr. Miller. Since the INDEPENDENT is published in the Third district, the editor is inclined to make a few special observations germane to the political situation as to the candidates for the Legislature, Mr. Bartman and Mr. Wentz. There can be nothing urged against either the character or the fitness of Mr. Wentz, the Democratic candidate, and there is no reason at present apparent why he should not receive the very general support of Democratic voters. With a normal Republican majority in the district of about 2000 votes he cannot hope to be elected unless he is assured of the direct support of about 1000 Republicans. And why should Republicans support John A. Wentz in preference to their own regularly nominated candidate, John H. Bartman? Because Mr. B. will not promise to vote for a local option measure, in the event of his election? Is that the why? If so, what are the Republicans who are so zealously and quietly advocating the election of Mr. Wentz to expect from Mr. Wentz, in the event of his election? So far as we are advised he also has made no PROMISES. Why then should a discrimination be made in his favor as to local option? If Mr. Wentz should be, very unexpectedly, elected, will he support a local option measure in the Legislature? Will he go against the precedents and principles of his own party and distinctly favor sumptuary legislation? If he does, the measure will have to be broad, and reasonable, and just, in character, with a majority sentiment in this district in favor of it. He will doubtless support such a measure and regard, as he will be under obligations to do, majority sentiment. And Mr. Bartman will doubtless do the same thing. Why, then, discriminate? Both Mr. Bartman and Mr. Wentz are men of excellent personal character, both are qualified to represent the people of this district in the Pennsylvania Legislature, and why should not both be treated fairly and justly from a political or any other standpoint? Why attempt to exact a promise from either, as to local option, when nobody up to date has defined specifically just WHAT KIND OF A LOCAL OPTION MEASURE IS TO BE PRESENTED to the next Legislature for the support or non-support of the Representative from the Third district, whoever he may be? It does seem preposterous to expect a candidate for the Legislature to blindly promise in advance to support, in the event of his election, an enactment that has not been drafted. Does it not? Those who demand so much as to promises are themselves by no means a unit as to just how they would have their local option measure framed. And how can they expect John H. Bartman or John A. Wentz to make what must essentially be a vague, incoherent, and unintelligible pledge that can ultimately be construed to mean any thing—reasonable or unreasonable, just or unjust. Let the spirit of fairness prevail as to the candidates for the Legislature from the Third district, or any other district.

THE Lord's Day Alliance. Official announcement has been made in Philadelphia that a national convention has been called to be held in the Second United Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, Dec. 1, 2 and 3, for the purpose of organizing a National Lord's Day Alliance of the United States. It is proposed that the alliance shall be organized along the same lines as the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, which is said to be doing effective work in the preservation of the Sabbath. All religious bodies, labor organizations and other organizations interested are invited to send representatives to the convention.

Father Shot Son and Killed Himself. Because his son Richard refused to give him money which he demanded, John Burkhardt, sixty-six years old, shot and seriously wounded the younger man, drank carbolic acid and jumped from a window of his home at Union Hill, N. J., in an effort to end his own life. While the father and son were being rushed to a hospital in an ambulance the old man sprang upon the wounded boy and attempted to strangle him. He fell back and died just as the ambulance reached the hospital. Young Burkhardt probably will recover.

Foraker Abandons Fight For Senate. Senator Joseph B. Foraker announced at Cincinnati, O., that he would not make a speaking tour of Ohio this fall in advocacy of his re-election to the United States senate. This announcement, following one made just after the Hearst expose, saying he would tour the state and speak in defense of his connection with the Standard Oil company, is taken by his opponents to mean that Foraker recognizes the futility of trying for re-election to the senate.

Fatally Burned Trying to Light Pipe. Wandering away from his home, Edward Thompson, four years of age, was burned to death near Tower City, Pa. A searching party found the child near a haystack terribly burned. He was still living and managed to tell his mother that he had tried to light a pipe and his clothing took fire. He ran along the cornfield where he knew his father was working, but was unable to reach him. The little fellow died in great agony a few hours later.

Dropped Dead Talking to Students. While conversing with students in Princeton (N. J.) university, Samuel Calhoun, sixty-five years old, died of a hemorrhage. Mr. Calhoun had been for twenty-three years the day policeman in the college and was known to many generations of Princeton men. During his long period of service he was never known to have been tardy in ringing the college bell every hour of the day.

Suicide Rather Than Burden Family. To prevent his wife and eight children from becoming impoverished by his illness, August Figi, of East St. Louis, Mo., cut the arteries in his wrists and died. "It's no use wasting what little money we have in doctor bills for me," he said. Figi worked in a paint factory grinding lead. This poisoned him and brought on a wasting disease.

Farmer, Sixty, Offers \$5000 For Bride. The Dover, Del., girls are anxiously watching for the arrival of James H. Furbush, a wealthy farmer of Maryland, who is seeking a wife—one who will love his three children and make allowance for his sixty years. Furbush, it is said, has promised to give his bride \$5000 on the day they are married.

Dog Smothers Sleeping Baby. Elmer, the three-months-old son of Annie Coleman, was found dead in his little crib in the kitchen of his mother's home at Allentown, Pa., smothered to death under the weight of a big bulldog.

The child's crib had been placed in the kitchen because the mother considered that the warmest room. When she went to look at the child she was horrified to find the huge dog, weighing nearly fifty pounds, stretched across the baby and the little body stiff and cold in death.

A sad tale is attached to the life of the mother of the child. Engaged to wed in Austria, her lover pretended to purchase two tickets for this country, went with her on board the steamer and then made some pretext to return to land, failing to return. She has been in this country nearly a year.

Two Killed By Explosion. Two persons lost their lives and twenty or more others were injured in Spencer, N. C., by the explosion of a powder storage house in the yards of the Southern Railway company, and most of the buildings nearby were damaged by the shock and the fire which followed.

Fire was discovered in the storage room of the powder house, and the Spencer shop fire department rushed to the scene. C. H. Layton and W. F. Stafford were holding the fire hose when the explosion occurred and were buried under the debris. With great difficulty their bodies were pulled out of the burning ruins after the scene was reached by fellow workmen.

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Farm and Garden

FOUL CLOVER SEED.

Makes It Plain Where the Weed Crop Comes From.

The Connecticut experiment station is doing a great work in testing clover seed. It obtained fifty-one samples of the seed just as it is sold by Connecticut seed dealers. These samples were tested for weed seeds and also to see what per cent of the clover seed would sprout. The result of the test shows that only one-sixth of the seed as sold was fit to use. Three samples were adulterated with a worthless plant, and forty-one had more or less dodder, the most dangerous weed or parasite which can get into the crop.

Few days pass without a complaint from some one who finds the dodder in his clover. Samples are often sent in showing the clover plants strangled by a pest which twines around them and sucks their life away. The cut shows a mild form of the affliction. Think of putting the seeds of this curse into the ground when you seed your clover! Yet that is just what is being done when we buy ordinary clover seed. In one sample of this Connecticut clover seed 6,441 seeds of the dodders



DODDER ON CLOVER PLANT.

were in one pound of clover seed. In that same sample there were 12,769 seeds of plantain, 1,695 of foxtail, 1,017 of sorrel, 226 of bindweed, 2,147 of lamb's quarters, 1,898 of wild carrot, 226 of curled dock, 1,243 of tumbleweed and many others, making a total of 44,522 weed seeds in a pound. In another sample there were 78,604 weed seeds in one pound sold as clover seed. Just imagine what a farmer does when he sows six or eight pounds of such stuff on an acre!

Another thing was the low quality of the clover itself. It has been demonstrated that the heaviest seeds give the strongest plants during early growth and in most cases largest yields. This Connecticut bulletin states that clover seed of average quality should run 302,000 to the pound. While lighter seed may give a greater number of plants, a greater proportion of them would die out or do poorly. In twenty-six out of fifty-one samples the seeds weighed less than the standard. As for vitality, the average of these fifty-one Connecticut samples was 86.6 per cent—that is, the number out of a hundred strong enough to put out a sprout. One sample showed only 64.2 per cent of seeds with any life to them. One sample was so poor that only 48.1 per cent of the seed was clover, and only 84 per cent of that would sprout. Three samples were evidently adulterated with black medic. Seed of this plant is imported from Germany expressly to adulterate clover seed. It is so much like clover seed that an expert is needed to detect it. In one sample there were 11,615 seeds of dodder in one pound of clover. With a seeding of eight pounds per acre this means two seeds of dodder to each square foot, and tests prove that this dodder is not dead seed.

Hints to Mushroom Growers.

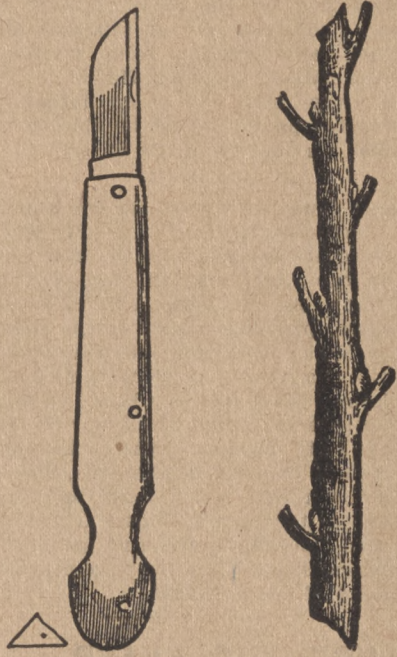
In turning up a portion of a bed maggots may be discovered in the manure. A few may do no perceptible harm, but a large number will eat up the spawn, leaving not even a thread to develop a single mushroom. Many kinds of insects are apt to swarm in warm cellars, together with the egg laying varieties which cause the maggots, regardless of foul air which may often accumulate and which is an injury to the mushrooms. In each succeeding bed in large cellars insects follow up the new beds and become more vigorous. A high temperature such as we had last fall is conducive to their continued existence in summer garb. A good crop, however, can be secured in spite of them when the houses are kept at all times cool.

When mushrooms are grown in glass houses the return pipes are best run under the walks. In the usual way of heating, where the pipes run under the benches, paper placed over the beds will be found beneficial as a protector from excessive heat and drying. With good, vigorous spawn, properly prepared compost and care about the requirements of heat and moisture, a good crop is a positive certainty. There are garden crops equal to if not surpassing the mushroom as money makers to the producer, but no one need complain of well managed mushroom rooms.

HOW TO BUD.

May Be Done Even by One Who Is Inexperienced.

It is not yet too late to bud fruit trees. Keep a sharp knife. Cut the twig from the tree from which you wish to bud. Cut out a vigorous bud, with about a half inch or more of bark and wood below the bud and about an



BUDDING KNIFE. BUD STICK.

eight or a quarter of an inch above the bud. Cut off the leaf in the axil of which lies the bud to within an inch or so from the bud, leaving only the bottom as a handle to assist you in the operation. Now cut out all the wood from the bark save a very little under the bud. Some cut it entirely out.

Cut through the bark of the tree stock the letter T and with an ivory or polished bone blade or something that is thin and smooth open or separate the bark from the wood sufficiently to insert easily the bud and no more, then quickly smooth the raised bark over the bark below and above the inserted bud. Wind and tie around the tree stock and insertion, commencing at the bottom, strips of bass matting, leaving only the bud exposed to the air. You can tell within two or three weeks whether the buds have set or not. If they do not the buds will dry up, shrink and die, but if successful they will look vigorous.

In from two to three weeks cut the strips of matting and remove them, thus giving all a chance to expand. In the spring if your buds do not winter kill, as peach buds sometimes do, they will shoot forth and, weather and insects permitting, in due time will bear you an abundant harvest.

In the spring, after the bud has started to grow, remove the top of the



BUD IN POSITION. BUD COMPLETE.

tree or branch to within a few inches of the bud, so that the sap will more generally flow into it, and as the shoot ascends tie it to the remaining stock to prevent the winds wrenching and breaking it. Peach trees are budded, and so are most kinds of stone fruit.

Worth Remembering.

As a traveler passes through any country he judges the prosperity of the farmer chiefly by the appearance of his buildings and farmyards. He can get some line on conditions by looking at crops in the field or cattle in the pasture, but the story is told most fully and accurately by the paint on the barn and the lawn grass in front of the house. And when the real estate agent takes a prospective buyer through the country he depends largely, almost chiefly, on the grounds and buildings to set the price on every farm. These considerations of themselves should urge all farmers to the improvement of their premises. But there are other reasons even more powerful to influence thoughtful men and women in the same direction. Most important is the fact that this is home. It is the place where father, mother and children live. The family life centers here. If there is to be any home feeling it must come through a thoughtful care for the comforts, conveniences and beauties of the home. If there is to be any uplift in intelligence or morality it must find its opportunity in wholesome and attractive surroundings. One of the greatest differences between a farm and any other enterprise is that the farm is both a business and a dwelling place. Many things which a man would not care to undertake for the benefit of his business merely he must put through for the sake of his home. This has ever been the spirit of American farm life at its best, and it needs to be preached on every hand today.

Timely Hints.

There are contrivances to put on plows that pulverize the soil as you go along. Each round drag or crusher the last furrow.

The man who does not have to stop to scour his plows and shovels isn't lucky. He's thrifty and careful.

The state of Kansas owns a proprietary poison for killing prairie dogs and gophers. It is made at the experiment station and sold at cost to farmers.

AN ODD JOURNEY.

Moving a 250 Ton Lightship Across Hills and Woodland.

What was probably the most remarkable journey ever undertaken by a ship in this country was that of a vessel overland, in which she went through extensive forests, climbed steep hills and moved along highways. The craft was one of the largest lightships in the government service and was stationed off one of the smaller harbors on the coast of Oregon. At this point a bay makes an indentation into the land so that a peninsula of considerable length is formed. In a gale the lightship dragged her anchors, finally broke from her moorings and was thrown up on the shore so far that it was found impossible to float her again at this point. The accident occurred on one side of the peninsula referred to, which is partly formed by the waters of Baker's Bay.

After planning how to save the vessel it was decided by the lightship crew that the only way to again place her in her native element was to haul the ship, if possible, along the peninsula to another beach where the water is so deep that it would float the craft within a few feet from shore. The route lay through a rough country, including several hills as well as woodland. The lightship weighed more than 250 tons and was more than 150 feet in length, so that apparatus of considerable power had to be utilized to lift her upon the rollers along which she was to be moved. The only power employed was that of men and horses. The horses were attached to a windlass and with its help managed to lift the vessel upon the big rollers which were placed under her keel. Then the journey over the peninsula began, the windlass being used to aid the animals in pulling. In advance went a squad of men who cut away the underbrush and small trees, filled up holes and thus formed a sort of roadway over which the lightship journeyed.

Such was the difficulty of the task, however, that several weeks elapsed before the peninsula was crossed, in that time the vessel having traveled more than a mile. Reaching the end of the journey, the next question was how to launch her. This was finally accomplished by building ways of timber reaching from the shore into deep water. The craft was dragged upon the ways by means of the windlass, then cables were extended from her to a large tree on a point of land near the ways, and the ship was pulled into the water.—American Inventor.

DIET AND NUTRITION.

Some Valuable Facts About the Various Foods We Eat.

Milk is the only one food that combines in itself all that is necessary for human nourishment. All others have an excess or a lack of something that the system needs; hence mixed foods are desirable. Scientists have calculated that the following is a reasonable mixture: Lean meat fifty parts, milk seventy, bread sixty, potatoes thirty, butter six, and water three parts daily. The amount of water seems large, but as a matter of fact the average person takes three pints of water with what he regards as solid food. For instance, beefsteak is two-thirds water, dried beef one-half water, bread two-thirds or more.

There are fifteen chemical elements found in the body. Two of these, oxygen and hydrogen, we get in the air and water we take in. Of the others carbon is the only one that we require in large quantity. An individual of 150 pounds should contain thirty-four pounds of carbon in his makeup. The food must supply this carbon, and we secure it in vegetables and grains by what are called the carbohydrates, which form two-thirds to three-fourths of the grain, and a smaller proportion of vegetables and fruits. In meats the protein is the chemical substance of chief value. By protein are meant the nitrogenous portions, the albumen of the eggs, the curd of the milk, the lean part of the meat and the gluten of flour and cereals. A little less than one-fifth of the average meat is protein, available for building muscle. Gluten is a chemical composition of carbon, nitrogen and oxygen. To appreciate what it is as a substance for eating, take a few kernels of raw wheat and chew them up finely. The starch will dissolve away almost imperceptibly, and there will remain in the mouth a gummy substance that can be chewed almost indefinitely like a bit of chewing gum. This is the gluten or muscle building part of the flour.

Fat is an important article of diet. Probably butter is the best form, but any healthy animal fat is satisfactory. It gives energy to the eater, but may be used in quantity only by one who takes much exercise.—Charles H. Cochrane in Metropolitan Magazine.

Bacteria in Milk.

Still more important than the mere carriage of dirt or filth stands the power of milk to give lodgment and nutrition to the bacterial hosts. These bodies are about us everywhere, lurking in the dust of the window sill, floating in the sunshine, lying on the ground; they exist in such countless hordes that words like billion or quadrillion utterly fail of significance when the number in an area of any size is to be considered. These invisible myriads of the air, moreover, increase with tremendous rapidity once they encounter favorable conditions for growth, such as moisture, warmth and food. All these are furnished by milk. Raise a barnyard dust near an open milk pail, and the whirling masses which have been lying in the refuse of the barnyard floor pour down upon the liquid as the destroying Huns of Attila poured down upon Europe.—Hollis Godfrey in Atlantic.

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